What is EPR and what can you expect from EPR

Consultants?

EPR consultants are well-equipped to give you the best business strategies. They help you to add all of the environmental costs associated with a product throughout the product life cycle to the market price of that product. With our EPR consultants, you can be certain that all of your concerns will be resolved appropriately. First, let's learn what EPR is so then you may better understand the role of EPR consultants.

What is EPR?

Several governments have looked at the possibility of imposing post-consumer responsibility on manufacturers as a means of dealing with the growing amount of waste. The terminology "Extended Producer Responsibility" (EPR) refers to a policy concept that places significant financial and/or physical obligation on producers for the management or disposal of post-consumer products.

EPR authorization is mandatory for Indian manufacturers or importers of products for e-waste management. The Indian EPR system presently regulates e-waste, which includes IT and telecommunications-based devices and consumer electronics including TVs, refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines, mercury-containing bulbs, etc. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) under the MoEFCC of the Government of India grants EPR Authorization.

In addition to accomplishing public recycling and materials management goals, assigning such duties might serve as an incentive for producers to develop more environmentally friendly products. Manufacturers are required to set up buy-back programs, collection programs, and collection centers to reclaim waste. The degradation of the ecosystem and adverse effects on human health have emerged from improper management and hazardous waste disposal.

The Process:

In order to get an EPR certification, manufacturers must fill out Form-1 as outlined in the E-Waste (M) Rules, 2016. All of the needed information and paperwork must be provided with the suggested application.

A properly filed application must be submitted to the Member Secretary of the CPCB in accordance with the E-Waste (M) Rules, 2016. Appropriate information on the collection and distribution of e-waste, as described in subsections 2.1.1 to 2.1.7, must be included in Form-1.

When the CPCB receives an EPR application, it will review it to determine whether or not the producer has an effective system in place to manage EPR in the country. If the application is complete in all respects, the next step will be to recommend that the producer be granted an EPR authorization in India. Form-1(aa) is used to provide this certification within 120 days.

The period of validity for an EPR authorization in India is five years, with the option for additional renewals. To get a renewal, you will only need a few documents and fees.

Key Required Documentation:

Legal address of the proof producer or importer.

A copy of the GST document showing the address of the manufacturing facility.

Copy of certification issued by the Registrar of Companies, or the Directorate of Industries, or the Municipal Corporation/Local Body, or the Import Export Code letter.

Details of electronic items supplied to market (in chronological sequence, including amount, number, and weight) during the previous 10 years.

Copy of ISI mark or BIS registration.

A copy of PAN details.

Self-declaration about the Reduction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) guideline that Electrical and Electronic Equipment put on the market comply with the RoHS-specified limits.

Declaration on the availability of technical documents under EN 50581 of the European Union

A detailed EPR plan outlining the mechanisms of collection, the nature of the e-waste challenge, a website, etc.

Projected annual and long-term e-waste item production and collection requirements, including production at their service facilities.

Copies of all relevant agreements with Dealers, Collection Centers, Recyclers, Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities, etc.

Schematic of e-waste collection and transportation to a recycling facility. Budget, execution strategy, and plan for raising public awareness of EPR and related projects

What do EPR Consultants do?

EPR Consultants work on the principle that manufacturers, usually brand owners, have the greatest control over product design and marketing and have the greatest ability and responsibility to reduce toxicity and waste. Basically, EPR may take the form of reuse, buyback, or recycling program. EPR Consultants help producers to choose to delegate this responsibility to a third party, a so-called producer responsibility organization (PRO). The manufacturer foots the bill for recycling and disposal. In this way, EPR shifts the responsibility for waste management from the government to private

industry. EPR Consultants help obliging producers, importers, and/or sellers to internalize waste management costs in their product prices and ensure the safe handling of their products.

How our EPR consultants will assist you:

Preparing and collecting documents from your end.

Constructing material for publication on your website.

Preparing an EPR Plan and an EPR Authorization Application.

Engaging in a Recycler Agreement for a Term of Five Years.

Filling out the application with the CPCB Department and providing an acknowledgment of the submission.

Consistently checking in with the respective Department and responding to their questions.

Continuing to monitor EPR authorization post-compliances.

Accurate and timely licence delivery within the specified time frame.