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Extended Producer Responsibility & Product Liability

EPR Compliance and Product Liability Law Firm in India for Producers

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Overview

Our Extended Producer Responsibility & Product Liability practice provides specialized guidance on the growing legal obligations of manufacturers and producers regarding the environmental impacts of their products. We help clients understand and fulfill their responsibilities across the entire product lifecycle, from design and production to post-consumer waste management. Our team develops comprehensive legal frameworks for EPR compliance, implements product stewardship programs, and manages environmental liability risks, ensuring clients meet statutory requirements while building sustainable product ecosystems.

Our Services

- Compliance with EPR regulations across product categories
- Development of producer responsibility organization structures
- Advisory on product environmental liability risks and mitigation strategies
- Establishment of collection and recycling systems for product waste
- Guidance on EPR registration, documentation, and reporting requirements
- Legal structuring of industry collective compliance mechanisms
- Development of product environmental impact assessment protocols
- Advisory on recycling targets and recovery rate obligations
- Management of EPR financial mechanisms and compliance costs
- Representation in EPR enforcement proceedings and compliance disputes
- Cross-border EPR compliance for international product distribution

Key Professionals



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q1 What does Extended Producer Responsibility and product liability practice cover?

This practice helps manufacturers, importers, and brand owners manage legal obligations for the environmental impact of their products. It covers EPR registration, compliance planning, waste collection systems, recycling targets, and defending against product liability claims related to environmental harm.

Q2 When should a company seek legal advice on EPR compliance in India?

Ideally before launching a product in India or entering a new product category. CPCB has tightened EPR mandates for plastics, e-waste, batteries, and tyres with annual compliance targets. Non-compliance can lead to environmental compensation orders, import restrictions, or cancellation of EPR certificates.

Q3 Which Indian laws and regulators govern Extended Producer Responsibility?

EPR obligations arise under rules notified by MoEFCC under the Environment Protection Act, 1986. Key rules include E-Waste Management Rules 2022, Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016 (amended 2024), and Battery Waste Management Rules 2022. CPCB and SPCBs handle registration and enforcement.

Q4**What is the typical process and timeline for obtaining EPR registration?**

Applications are filed on the CPCB centralized portal with product category details, waste generation estimates, and a proposed collection plan. CPCB typically processes applications within 60 to 90 days. Key cost drivers include setting up collection infrastructure, engaging recyclers, and meeting annual recycling targets.

Q5**What documents does a company need to start EPR compliance engagement?**

We typically require the company's product catalogue with HSN codes, annual production or import volumes, existing SPCB consents, GST registration details, any prior CPCB correspondence, and details of current waste collection or recycling arrangements. For importers, customs and BIS data is also relevant.

Q6**What common EPR compliance mistakes can expose producers to penalties?**

A frequent error is treating EPR as a one-time registration rather than an ongoing obligation. Producers often miss annual filing deadlines, underreport waste generation volumes, or rely on unverified recyclers. CPCB audits can result in environmental compensation levies and suspension of EPR authorization.