



LEGAL METROLOGY

**Pre-packed Commodities—
Declarations and Labelling**

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Legal Position



What is the law governing packaging and declarations of pre-packed commodity?

The Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 ['LM PC Rules']



Why is this law relevant?

Regulates goods which are sold by weight, measure or number. It mandates that pre-packaged goods shall bear a declaration in the manner prescribed in the rules.



**Applicability
(Section 18, LM Act)**

Wherever goods are manufactured, packed, sold, imported, distributed, delivered as any pre-packaged commodity, such package must mandatorily contain various declarations.



Why LM compliance?

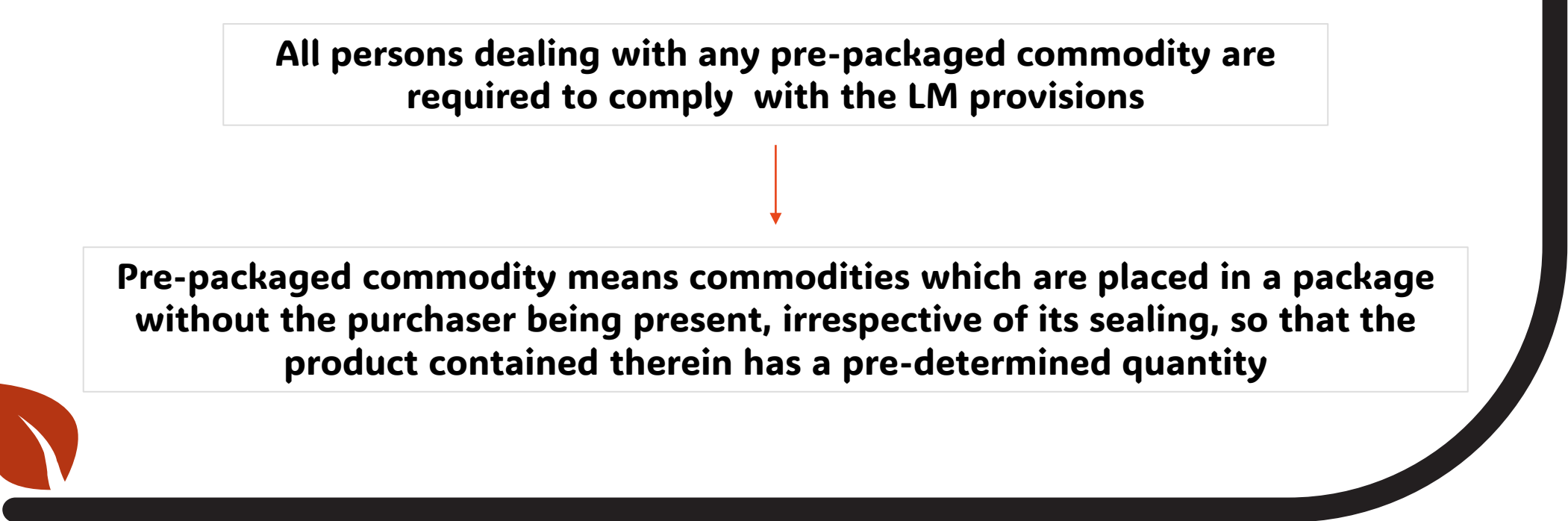
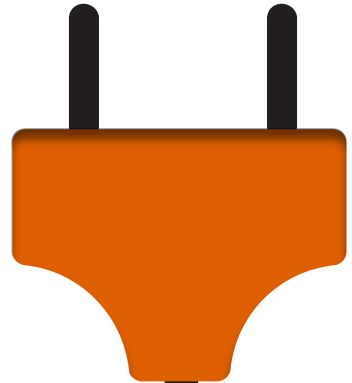
**Declarations to be made on all
'pre-packaged commodity'**



**All persons dealing with any pre-packaged commodity are
required to comply with the LM provisions**



**Pre-packaged commodity means commodities which are placed in a package
without the purchaser being present, irrespective of its sealing, so that the
product contained therein has a pre-determined quantity**



Exemption in respect of certain packages



Commodity having net weight of ten gram or ten millilitre or less, except tobacco and tobacco products



Where commodity contains scheduled formulations and non-scheduled formulations covered under the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 2013 except medical devices declared as drugs



Garment or hosiery sold in loose or open where the consumer can inspect the products before buying



Any package containing fast food items packed by restaurant or hotel

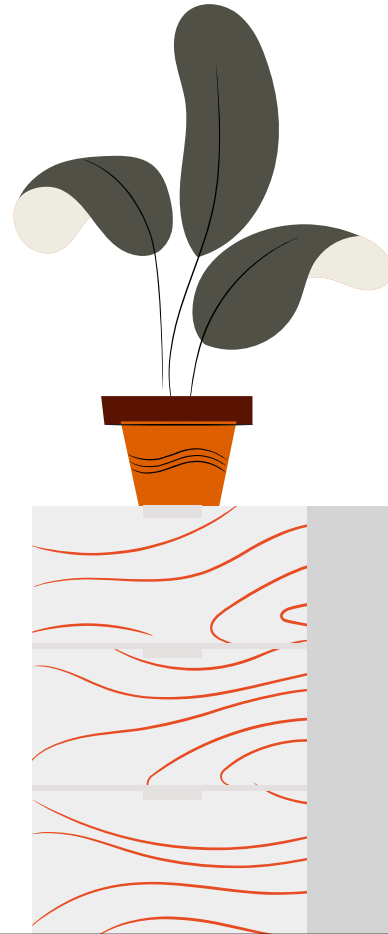


Any thread which is sold in coil to handloom weavers

Non-Applicability of LM PC Rules

Packages of commodities containing quantity of more than 25 kilogram or 25 litre

Packaged commodities meant for industrial consumers or institutional consumers



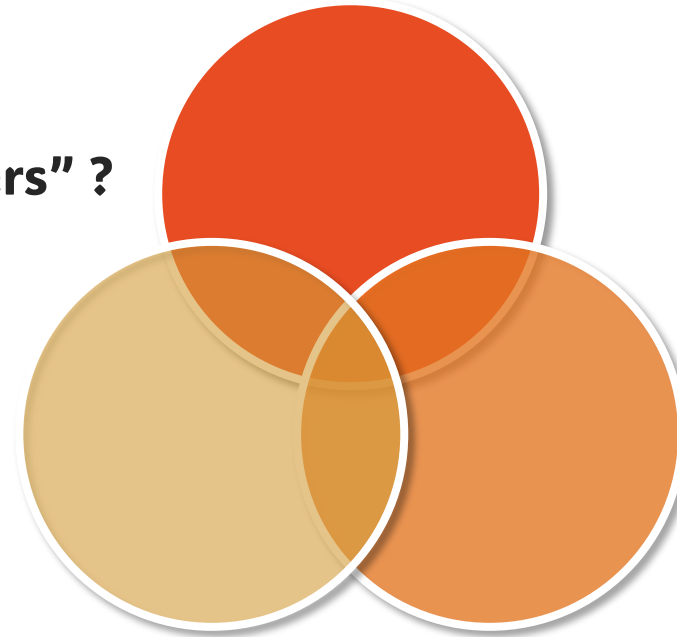
Cement, fertiliser and agricultural farm produce sold in bags above 50 kilogram

Institutional & Industrial Consumers

Who are “institutional consumers” ?

- Institutions buying packaged commodities directly from the manufacturer/ importer/ wholesale dealer for use by that institution.

Excludes users for commercial or trade purposes



Who are “industrial consumers” ?

- Consumers who buy packaged commodities directly from the manufacturer/ importer/ from wholesale dealer for use by that industry

Important caveat

The commodities sold to such consumers must conspicuously declare that these items are ‘not for retail sale’.

Key Declaration Requirements:

01 Name and address of manufacturer and packer

02 For imported goods, name and address of importer

03 Name of country of origin for imported and assembled goods

04 MRP in Indian Currency & Contact person details for consumer complaints

05 Net quantity/ number of commodities contained in the package

06 Month and year in which commodity is manufactured

07 Dimensions of the commodity, if relevant

08 Common or generic name of the product

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