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**MADE UNDER SECTION 11(1)(A) OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT  
2017**

Commencement [1 August 2019]

**1 Citation**

This Regulation may be cited as the Waste Management (Prohibition on the Importation of Single-Use Plastic) Regulation 2019.

**2 Commencement**

This Regulation shall come into force on 1 August 2019.

**3 Interpretation**

In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires, -

“**plastic**” means a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers such as polyethylene, PVC, nylon, that can be moulded into shape while soft and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form whether or not it is designed to degrade in a particular way;

“**single-use plastic**” refers to plastics listed under subsection 5(1).

#### 4 Purpose

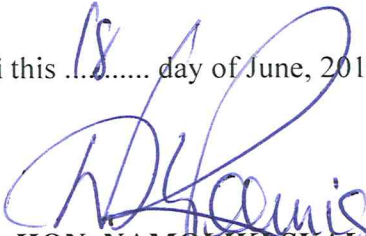
The purpose of these regulations is to prohibit the importation, manufacture, sale or distribution of certain single use plastic which have adverse effects on the environment.

#### 5 Prohibition on the importation of certain single-use plastic

- (1) A person must not import, manufacture, sell or distribute any or all of the following single-use plastic:
  - (a) shopping bag that:
    - (i) is wholly or predominantly made of or lined with plastic or plastic blend; and
    - (ii) designed to be given out to consumers;but does not include –
    - (i) a long-life synthetic fabric multi-use shopping bag; or
    - (ii) a plastic bag that is, or forms an integral part of, the packaging in which goods are sealed or contained before sale.
  - (b) plastic water bottles less than 1.5 litres and plastic beverage bottles less than 1.5 litres;
  - (c) plastic water pouches and plastic bags used to produce ice blocks;
  - (d) straws which are:
    - (i) made, in whole or in part, of plastic or a plastic blend; and
    - (ii) designed for one-time use;but does not include straws which are attached to packaging;
  - (e) single-use plastic and polystyrene plates, cups and take-away container, including cups and plates with a plastic coating or lining;
  - (f) single-use plastic cutlery;
  - (g) plastic sheet or cling film glad wrap used for food wrapping;
  - (h) plastic sheet used for spreading on dining table; and
  - (i) plastic flags.
- (2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and shall be punishable upon conviction:
  - (a) in the case of an individual to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or persons whom commit this offence on more than one

- occasion, to the same fine or to imprisonment of 2  
months, or both.
- (b) in the case of a body corporate, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or  
if committed on more than once occasion, to the same fine or  
imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or both.

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