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

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 polythylene, 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 plastic listed under subsection 5(1).

## 4 Purpose

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 bend; 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 packing 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 users;

(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 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.