

COMMUNIQUÉ

Crackdown Operations (January to March 2022)

In the context of the enforcement of the **Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020** and the **Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020** which became effective as from 15 January 2021 and 01 March 2021 respectively, crackdown operations are being carried out by officers of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division), the *Police de l'Environnement* and local authorities across the island and by Customs Officers at ports.

Details regarding the operations carried out for the period **January to March 2022** are as hereunder: -

A. Operations on Land

36 outlets and stalls were visited and a total of 91 contraventions were established for non-compliance with the Regulations.

(i) Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products

1,029 banned non-biodegradable single use plastic products have been seized as per the table below.

SN	Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products	Quantity Seized (Units)
1	Plastic stirrers	0
2	Plastic trays	56
3	Plastic spoons	0
4	Plastic forks	628
5	Plastic knives	0
6	Plastic bowls	0
7	Plastic plates	0
8	Plastic cups without lids	183
9	Plastic cups with plastic lids	0
10	Take-aways (<i>polystyrene</i>)	55
11	Bowls (<i>polystyrene</i>)	0
12	Plates (<i>polystyrene</i>)	100
13	Plastic hinged containers	7
14	Plastic straws	0
Total		1,029

(ii) Plastic bags

20,406 banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below.

SN	Products	Quantity Seized (Units)
1	Plastic bags (roll-on)	3
2	Plastic bags (other than rolls)	20,403
Total		20,406

B. Operations at Ports (Importation)

Verifications were also carried out at seaport and airport. No product was seized during the period January to March 2022.

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