

## Return on Crackdown Operations (July 2023 to March 2024)

Pursuant to 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 to be carried out. As such, crackdown operations carried out jointly for the period **July 2023 to March 2024** 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 are as hereunder:-

### A. Operations on Land

91 outlets and stalls were visited. 54 contraventions were established for non-compliance with the two Regulations as follows:

#### (i) Banned Non -Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products

606 banned non-biodegradable single use plastic products have been seized as per the table below:

SN	Banned Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products	Quantity Seized (Units)
1	Plastic trays	194
2	Plastic bowls	257
3	Plastic cups without lids	95
4	Take aways ( <i>polystyrene</i> )	39
5	Plastic hinged containers	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>606</b>

#### (ii) Banned Plastic Bags

5534 units + 56.49 kg of banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below:

SN	Banned plastic bags	Quantity seized
1	Plastic bags (roll-on)	18 units
2	Plastic bags including Non-Woven Polypropylene bags (other than rolls)	6541 units + 56.49 kg
<b>Total</b>		<b>6559 units + 56.49 kg</b>

## **B-Operations at Port**

During verifications carried out at the level of the seaport and airport, two (2) consignments of banned non-biodegradable single use plastic products and nine (9) consignments of banned plastic bags were seized as detailed below:

### **(i) Banned Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products**

136,100 banned non-biodegradable single use plastic products have been seized as per the table below:

<b>SN</b>	<b>Banned Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products</b>	<b>Quantity Seized (Units)</b>
1	Plastic bowls	3,300
2	Plastic cups	8,000
3	Plastic lids for use with banned non-biodegradable single use plastic products	2,000
4	Plastic forks	2,000
5	Plastic spoons	2,000
6	Plastic straw	118,800
<b>Total</b>		<b>136,100</b>

### **(ii) Banned Plastic Bags**

59,504 units of banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below:

<b>SN</b>	<b>Banned plastic bags</b>	<b>Quantity Seized (Units)</b>
1	Non-Woven Polypropylene Plastic Bags	58,920
2	Other Banned Plastic bags	584
<b>Total</b>		<b>59,504</b>