

COMMUNIQUÉ

Environment (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020

1. The public is hereby informed that, under the above Regulations, an exemption with conditions, is being granted to **local food manufacturers** for the use of the following non-biodegradable single use plastic cups, bowls and trays, **as from 15 January 2026 up to 14 January 2027**.

- (i) **plastic cups and plastic bowls** used solely for the packaging of dairy products (yoghurt, ice cream and butter), dessert, margarine and hot-filled packaged products (jelly and flan); and
- (ii) **plastic trays** used solely for the Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP) of fresh, cooked or pre-cooked food products such as meat, burger, seafood and cheese.

2. Concerned local food manufacturers are required to apply for an authorisation from the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change by **Friday 17 April 2026**, at latest. The application form for authorisation letter may be accessed from the website of this Ministry at <https://environment.govmu.org/Pages/Plastic-Management-Division.aspx>

Note: Local food manufacturers who already have an authorisation letter from this Ministry up to 14 January 2026, will have to reapply for a new authorisation (using the new form).

3. The above exemption does not apply to the following where alternatives are already available :

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- (i) non-biodegradable single use plastic cups: jam and beverages (tea, coffee, mousse noire, chocolate);
- (ii) non-biodegradable single use plastic bowls: confectionery (candy, sweets, marshmallow, dragée), condiments (chilli, ketchup, soy sauce), pickles (cornichon, olive, chilli, achard, mazavarou); and
- (iii) non-biodegradable single use plastic trays for MAP: pastry, salted fish, dried and fresh fruits.

4. As from **15 January 2027**, a Permit System with conditions will be introduced for: (i) **local food manufacturers** and (ii) **importers of pre-packed food products** in non-biodegradable single use cups, bowls and trays.

NOTE:

During this 1-year exemption period:

- (i) local food manufacturers (including those who have partly shifted to non-plastic alternatives, for example for packaging of ice cream and yoghurt), are **strongly encouraged** to sustain their efforts to shift to non-plastic alternatives for packaging of

their products; and

- (ii) this Ministry will set up a Technical Committee comprising the concerned Ministries and private sector stakeholders to work out the modalities of the Permit System, including the fee structure and validity.

**Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change
(Environment and Climate Change Division)**

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