

COMMUNIQUÉ – CRACKDOWN OPERATIONS

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 the Local Authorities across the island.

Details are as hereunder: -

(i) Non-biodegradable single use plastic products

For the period 15 January to 04 March 2021, inspections have been carried out at 770 food outlets, including at snacks, restaurants, supermarkets and hypermarkets. Fifty-five (55) contraventions have been consequently established and 26,122 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	2096
2.	Plastic trays	11
3.	Plastic spoons	4645
4.	Plastic forks	4133
5.	Plastic knives	1214
6.	Plastic bowls	1341
7.	Plastic plates	120
8.	Plastic cups without lid	3358
9.	Plastic cups with plastic lid	3161
10.	Take-away (<i>Polystyrene</i>)	5244
11.	Bowls (<i>Polystyrene</i>)	28
12.	Plates (<i>Polystyrene</i>)	115
13.	Plastic hinged containers	656

(ii) Plastic bags

For the period 01 to 04 March 2021, inspections have been carried out at 347 stalls, markets, market fairs and hawkers, amongst others. Two (2) contraventions have been established and around 1.3 kg of banned plastic bags have been seized.

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