

## COMMUNIQUÉ

### Crackdown Operations (April to June 2021)

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.

In view of the Temporary Restrictions of Movement Order decreed as from 10 March 2021 in the context of the CPVID-19 pandemic, crackdown operations were not undertaken for the period 05 to 31 March 2021.

Details regarding the operations carried out for the period **April to June 2021** are as hereunder:-

**(i) Outlets/ stalls visited and contraventions established**

407 outlets and stalls were visited, and a total of 46 contraventions were established under both Regulations.

**(ii) Non-biodegradable single use plastic products**

374,418 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	15,851
3	Plastic spoons	38
4	Plastic forks	193
5	Plastic knives	450
6	Plastic bowls	102,314
7	Plastic plates	100
8	Plastic cups without lids	240,000
9	Plastic cups with plastic lids	0
10	Take-aways ( <i>polystyrene</i> )	14,376
11	Bowls ( <i>polystyrene</i> )	0
12	Plates ( <i>polystyrene</i> )	0
13	Plastic hinged containers	646
14	Plastic straws (as from 15 April 2021)	450
<b>Total</b>		<b>374,418</b>

**(iii) Plastic bags**

106,293 banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below.

<b>SN</b>	<b>Products</b>	<b>Quantity Seized (Units)</b>
1	Plastic bags (roll-on)	1,072
2	Plastic bags (other than rolls)	105,006
3	Plastic bags used for packaging	215
<b>Total</b>		<b>106,293</b>

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