

## COMMUNIQUÉ

### Crackdown/Enforcement Operations (July to December 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**, 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 operations carried out for the period **July to December 2021** are as hereunder: -

#### A. Operations on Land

131 outlets and stalls were visited and 58 contraventions were established for non-compliance with the Regulations as follows:

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

654 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	0
3	Plastic spoons	255
4	Plastic forks	100
5	Plastic knives	0
6	Plastic bowls	0
7	Plastic plates	0
8	Plastic cups without lids	0
9	Plastic cups with plastic lids	0
10	Take-aways ( <i>polystyrene</i> )	299
11	Bowls ( <i>polystyrene</i> )	0
12	Plates ( <i>polystyrene</i> )	0
13	Plastic hinged containers	0
14	Plastic straws	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>654</b>

**(ii) Plastic Bags**

2,472 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)	21
2	Plastic bags (other than rolls)	2451
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,472</b>

**B. Operations at Ports (Importation)**

During verifications carried out at the seaport and airport, four (4) consignments of non-biodegradable single use plastic products and 12 consignments of banned plastic bags were seized.

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

407,873 banned non-biodegradable single plastic products have been seized as per the table below.

<b>SN</b>	<b>Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products</b>	<b>Quantity Seized (Units)</b>
1	Plastic stirrers	0
2	Plastic trays	100,000
3	Plastic spoons	0
4	Plastic forks	0
5	Plastic knives	0
6	Plastic bowls	0
7	Plastic bowls with plastic lids	0
8	Plastic plates	0
9	Plastic cups without lids	0
10	Plastic cups with plastic lids	0
11	Plastic lids	0
12	Take-aways/ receptacles	0
13	Plastic hinged containers	0
14	Plastic straws	307,873
<b>Total</b>		<b>407,873</b>

**(ii) Plastic Bags**

56,929 banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below.

<b>SN</b>	<b>Products</b>	<b>Quantity Seized (Units)</b>
1	Non-Woven Polypropylene Plastic Bags	6,926
2	Other Banned Plastic bags	50,003
<b>Total</b>		<b>56,929</b>

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