

Return on Crackdown Operations (July-December 2022)

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 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.

Details regarding the operations carried out for the period (**July-December 2022**) are as hereunder:-

A. Operations on Land

36 outlets and stalls were visited and 39 contraventions were established for non-compliance with the two Regulations as follows:

(i) Non -Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products

1780 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 spoons	1596
2	Plastic forks	10
3	Plastic bowls	49
4	Plastic plates	125
Total		1780

(ii) Plastic Bags

31,993 banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below.

SN	Products	Quantity Seized (Units)
1	Plastic bags (roll-on)	13
2	Plastic bags (other than rolls)	31, 980
Total		31,993

B-Operations at port

During verifications carried out at the level of the seaport and airport, 2 consignments of non-biodegradable single use plastic products and 17 consignments of banned plastic bags were seized.

(i) Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products

60,048 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 cups without lids	48
2	Plastic straws	60,000
Total		60,048

(ii) Plastic Bags

118,988 units and 1 pack of banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below.

SN	Products	Quantity Seized (Units)
1	Non-Woven Polypropylene Plastic Bags	10,200
2	Other Banned Plastic bags	108,788 + 1 pack
Total		118,988 + 1 pack

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