

## **COMMUNIQUE TO THE PUBLIC**

### **Registration of importers and manufacturers of biodegradable single use products**

The Environment Protection (Control of single use plastic products) Regulations 2020 will come into force on 15 January 2021 and provide that prior to importation or manufacture, an importer or manufacturer of **biodegradable alternatives** should register with the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change.

The biodegradable alternatives are for the following ten products:

- Cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks)
- Plate
- Cup
- Bowl
- Tray
- Straw
- Beverage stirrer
- Hinged container
- Lid
- Take away (receptacles of any shape, with or without lid, used to contain food intended for immediate consumption, either on the spot or take away).

The application for registration should be made to the Director of Environment as per the form prescribed in the Regulations (Third Schedule) **as from 01 October 2020**. A Certificate of Registration will only be issued where the Director of Environment considers that the applicant complies with the regulations.

In addition to the Certificate of Registration, an importer is required to apply for a clearance to the Director of Environment as per the form prescribed (Fifth Schedule) in the Regulations at least 30 days prior to the placing of order of the respective biodegradable alternatives to be imported. The application for clearance must be submitted along with an original certificate of conformity or certified true copy of the original certificate of conformity issued by the manufacturer and three samples of the product to be imported.

Imported consignment will be released subject that the importer holds a valid certificate of registration, a clearance and after such verification / testing by the Department of Environment.

The Environment Protection (Control of single use plastic products) Regulations 2020, the application form for registration and the application for clearance are available on the homepage of the Ministry.

The application for registration/clearance should be made through a duly filled copy of the relevant form and submitted electronically to the Ministry on the following mail address: [menv@govmu.org](mailto:menv@govmu.org) or by:

- Fax on fax number, 211 3865.
- Registered post. Please specify file reference: CLR/APP/SUPP.
- Hand delivery at the Registry of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change, Level 5, Ken Lee Tower, Corner St Georges & Barracks Streets, Port Louis. Please specify file reference: CLR/APP/SUPP.

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