

## COMMUNIQUÉ

### Crackdown Operations (April to June 2022)

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.

Details regarding the operations carried out for the period **April to June 2022** are as hereunder.

#### A. Operations on Land

80 outlets and stalls were visited and 93 contraventions were established for non-compliance with the two Regulations as follows: -

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

153 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	72
2.	Take-aways( <i>polystyrene</i> )	25
3.	Plastic hinged containers	56
<b>Total</b>		<b>153</b>

##### (ii) Plastic Bags

19,202 banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below.

SN	Products	Quantity Seized (Units)
1.	Plastic bags (roll-on)	48
2.	Plastic bags (other than rolls)	19,154
<b>Total</b>		<b>19,202</b>

#### B. Operations at Port

During verifications carried out at the level of the seaport and airport, one (1) consignment of non-biodegradable single use plastic products and four (4) consignments of banned plastic bags were seized.

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

2,000 banned non-biodegradable single use plastic cups without lids have been seized.

**(ii) Plastic Bags**

25,100 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	24,100
2.	Other banned plastic bags	1,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>25,100</b>

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