



Australian Capital Territory

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made under the

Plastic Reduction Act 2021

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About this republication

The republished law

This is a republication of the *Plastic Reduction Regulation 2022*, made under the *Plastic Reduction Act 2021* (including any amendment made under the [Legislation Act 2001](#), part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 1 July 2023. It also includes any commencement, amendment, repeal or expiry affecting this republished law to 1 July 2023.

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Penalties

At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$160 for an individual and \$810 for a corporation (see [Legislation Act 2001](#), s 133).



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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Plastic Reduction Regulation 2022*.

3 Notes

A note included in this regulation is explanatory and is not part of this regulation.

Part 2 Prohibited plastic products

4 Prescribed single-use plastic product—Act, s 7 (1), def *prohibited plastic product*, par (a) (v)

- (1) The following are prescribed:
- (a) a single-use plastic drinking straw;
 - (b) a cotton bud with a single-use plastic stick or stem;
 - (c) single-use plastic microbeads contained in a rinse-off product;
 - (d) a single-use tray that is—
 - (i) made of expanded polystyrene; and
 - (ii) used for packaging perishable food for retail sale;
 - (e) single-use expanded polystyrene loose-fill packaging;

Example

peanut-shaped loose foam packaging used to protect products during transportation

- (f) a single-use plastic plate;
- (g) a single-use plastic bowl, other than a bowl designed or intended to have a spill-proof lid.

Note Subsection (1) does not apply to a single-use plastic product that is an integrated packaging item, eg a straw attached to a juice box (see Act, s 7 (1), def *prohibited plastic product*, par (b)).

- (2) In this section:

plastic microbead means a plastic particle less than 5mm wide.

rinse-off product means a liquid product that is—

- (a) used for cleaning or personal care; and
- (b) designed or intended to be rinsed off immediately or shortly after use.

Examples—rinse-off product

- 1 shampoo and conditioner
- 2 face masks and face wash, including exfoliants
- 3 hair dye, whether permanent, semi-permanent or otherwise
- 4 toothpaste
- 5 body wash products, including exfoliants

5 Prescribed non-compostable degradable plastic product—Act, s 7 (1), def *prohibited plastic product*, par (a) (vi)

- (1) A product made of oxo-degradable plastic is prescribed.
- (2) In this section:

oxo-degradable plastic means a plastic that contains 1 or more additives to accelerate fragmentation.

Note Terms used in this regulation have the same meaning that they have in the [Plastic Reduction Act 2021](#) (see [Legislation Act](#), s 148). For example, ‘*single-use*’ is defined in the Act’s dictionary.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws are not included in the republished law. The details of these laws are underlined in the legislation history. Uncommenced expiries are underlined in the legislation history and amendment history.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

2 Abbreviation key

A = Act	NI = Notifiable instrument
AF = Approved form	o = order
am = amended	om = omitted/repealed
amdt = amendment	ord = ordinance
AR = Assembly resolution	orig = original
ch = chapter	par = paragraph/subparagraph
CN = Commencement notice	pres = present
def = definition	prev = previous
DI = Disallowable instrument	(prev...) = previously
dict = dictionary	pt = part
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	r = rule/subrule
div = division	reloc = relocated
exp = expires/expired	renum = renumbered
Gaz = gazette	R[X] = Republication No
hdg = heading	RI = reissue
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	s = section/subsection
ins = inserted/added	sch = schedule
LA = Legislation Act 2001	sdiv = subdivision
LR = legislation register	SL = Subordinate law
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sub = substituted
mod = modified/modification	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired

Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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notified LR 2 June 2022

s 1, s 2 commenced 2 June 2022 (LA s 75 (1))

remainder commenced 1 July 2022 (s 2)

as amended by

Plastic Reduction Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1) SL2023-10

notified LR 8 June 2023

s 1, s 2 commenced 8 June 2023 (LA s 75 (1))

s 5 awaiting commencement

remainder commenced 1 July 2022 (s 2 (1))

4 Amendment history

Commencement

s 2 from LA s 89 (4)

Prescribed single-use plastic product—Act, s 7 (1), def *prohibited plastic product*, par (a) (v)

s 4 sub [SL2023-10](#) s 4

5 Earlier republications

Some earlier republications were not numbered. The number in column 1 refers to the publication order.

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