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Subordinate Law SL2023-10

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The Australian Capital Territory Executive makes the following regulation under the *Plastic Reduction Act 2021*.

Dated 31 May 2023.

ANDREW BARR  
Chief Minister

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Minister

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## 1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the *Plastic Reduction Amendment Regulation 2023 (No 1)*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) This regulation (other than section 5) commences on 1 July 2023.

*Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

- (2) Section 5 commences on 1 January 2024.

**3 Legislation amended**

This regulation amends the *Plastic Reduction Regulation 2022*.

**4 Section 4**

*substitute*

**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 New section 6

*insert*

### 6 Prescribed single-use plastic shopping bag—Act, s 7 (2), def *single-use plastic shopping bag*, par (a) (ii) and (b) (iii)

- (1) A plastic retail carry bag is prescribed for the Act, section 7 (2), definition of *single-use plastic shopping bag*, paragraph (a) (ii).
- (2) The following are prescribed for the Act, section 7 (2), definition of *single-use plastic shopping bag*, paragraph (b) (iii):
  - (a) an unsealed bag that is the packaging in which perishable food is offered for sale;
  - (b) a carry bag that is made (in whole or in part) of 1 or more of the following fabrics:
    - (i) nylon;
    - (ii) polyester;
    - (iii) woven polypropylene;

- (iv) non-woven polypropylene if—
  - (A) the bag has sewn, rather than heat-welded, seams;  
and
  - (B) the fabric has a minimum weight of 90g/m<sup>2</sup> measured  
as a single layer of fabric.
- (3) In this section:

***plastic retail carry bag*** means a bag with handles that is—

- (a) made (in whole or in part) of plastic; and
- (b) used for conveying goods purchased from a retailer.

**Example—made partly of plastic**

made of plastic-laminated paper or cardboard

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## Endnotes

### 1 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 8 June 2023.

### 2 Republications of amended laws

For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au).

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