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# **PROPOSED *SINGLE-USE PLASTICS* *PROHIBITION REGULATIONS (SUPPR)***

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# BACKGROUND

- On December 25, 2021 the *Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations* were published in Canada Gazette, Part I for a 70 day comment period which ends March 5, 2022.
    - reflect input received through extensive consultations since 2019.
  - Draft guidance has also been published to help businesses adapt to the requirements of the proposed Regulations.
  - Intention is to finalize these Regulations and bring the import and manufacture bans into force as quickly as possible after reviewing and considering comments received (could be as early as end of 2022)
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# SINGLE-USE PLASTICS PROHIBITION REGULATIONS- ITEMS TO BE BANNED


**Checkout bags**



**Cutlery**



**Foodservice ware**  
made from or containing polystyrene foam, polyvinyl chloride, carbon black or oxo-degradable plastic



**Ring carriers**



**Stir sticks**



**Straws**



## CHECKOUT BAGS



- Any plastic bag designed to carry goods from a business and:
    - Made from plastic film,
    - Not capable of carrying ten (10) kilograms over a distance of fifty three (53) metres 100 times, or
    - Will break or tear if washed in a washing machine.
  - Does not include bags intended to hold produce, deli counter items, etc., while completing a shopping trip
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## CUTLERY



- Any plastic fork, knife, spoon, spork or chopstick that does not maintain its shape after being immersed for 15 minutes in water at 82°C to 86°C.
  - Test parameters (time/temperature) are intended to ensure that reusable plastic cutlery is dishwasher safe and durable.
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# FOODSERVICE WARE



Any:

- clamshell container,
- lidded container,
- box,
- cup,
- plate or
- bowl

designed for serving or transporting food or beverage that is ready to be consumed without any further preparation

MADE FROM  
OR  
CONTAINING

- Expanded polystyrene,
- Extruded polystyrene,
- Polyvinylchloride (PVC),
- Oxodegradable plastic, or
- Plastic containing a carbon black pigment.

# RING CARRIERS



- A flexible plastic item, formed of rings, that is used to surround beverage containers for the purposes of keeping them grouped together
  - Commonly referred to as “six-pack rings”, though they may hold more or less than six containers in certain circumstances.
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## STIR STICKS



- Any plastic stick used to stir or mix drinks, or used to prevent a drink from spilling out of the lid.
  - Commonly provided with hot drinks (coffee/tea) and used for stirring in sugar, milk or cream.
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# STRAWS



- Any plastic straw that will not maintain its shape after being immersed for 15 minutes in water at 82°C to 86°C.
    - Test parameters (time/temperature) are intended to ensure that reusable plastic cutlery is dishwasher safe and durable.
  - Exceptions have been made for single-use plastic flexible straws with corrugated sections.
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# PROHIBITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

Manufacture, import and sale are prohibited with some exceptions:

- Straws:
    - Flexible straws can be manufactured, imported
    - Packages of  $\geq 20$  flexible straws can be sold
      - business-to-business or
      - to customers, by retail stores, on request; straws cannot be displayed in the store
    - Healthcare institutions can provide straws to patients or residents
  - Exports:
    - Current proposal is that prohibitions do not apply to single-use plastics intended for export
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# TESTING AND RECORDKEEPING

- Testing must be done in a laboratory accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025 or under Quebec *Environmental Quality Act*
  - Manufacturers and importers, who export, must keep records demonstrating all prohibited items manufactured or imported have been subsequently exported.
  - Records must be maintained in Canada and kept for five years after the date they are created.
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# COMING INTO FORCE

Draft regulations propose prohibitions that are staggered along the following timelines:

1 year after registration:

- Prohibition on manufacture
- Prohibition on import
- Prohibition and exceptions for sale of straws

2 years after registration:

- Prohibition on sale of:
  - Checkout bags
  - Cutlery
  - Foodservice ware
  - Ring carriers
  - Stir sticks

***However, market has already began to shift and Canadians are asking for quicker results***

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# COMMENT PERIOD

- Environment and Climate Change Canada welcomes comments on the proposed *Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations* and the *Guidance for Selecting Alternatives to the Single-Use Plastics in the proposed Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulations* document
    - Via Email: [ec.plastiques-plastics.ec@ec.gc.ca](mailto:ec.plastiques-plastics.ec@ec.gc.ca)
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  - Comments must be submitted no later than March 5, 2022
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