

BELIZE:

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (POLLUTION FROM
PLASTICS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2022**

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Citation.
2. Amendment of regulation 2.
3. Amendment of regulation 33.
4. Repeal and replacement of Schedules I, III and VI.

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 17 of 2022

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for the environment after consultation with the Department of Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 7 of the Environmental Protection Act, Chapter 328 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 22nd January, 2022).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (POLLUTION
FROM PLASTICS) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2022,**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Environmental Protection (Pollution from Plastics) Regulations, 2020, hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

S.I. 8 of 2020.
S.I. 124 of
2020.

2. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 2 by repealing the definition of “national standards” and replacing it with the following–

Amendment of
regulation 2.

“national standards” includes–

- (a) the Belize Standard for Biodegradable Products-Specifications and Labelling declared a compulsory standard in accordance with Standards (Belize Standard for Biodegradable and

S.I. 127 of
2021.

Labelling (BZS 32:2021)) (Declaration of Compulsory Standard) Order, 2021; and

(b) the Belize Standard for Terms Used in the Biodegradable Products Industry declared a compulsory standard in accordance with Standards (Belize Standard for Definition of Terms Used in the Biodegradable Products Industry (BZS 36:2021)) (Declaration of Compulsory Standard) Order, 2021;”.

S.I. 126 of
2021.

Amendment of
regulation 33.

3. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 33–

(a) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words “January 15, 2021” and substituting the words “January 31, 2022”;

(b) in paragraph (c), by deleting the words “April 15, 2021” and substituting the words “February 28, 2022”; and

(c) in paragraph (d), by deleting the words “July 14, 2021” and substituting the words “March 31, 2022”.

Repeal and
replacement
of Schedules I,
III and VI.

4. The principal Regulations are amended by repealing Schedules I, III and VI and replacing them with the following–

“SCHEDULE I
[regulation 3]

Restricted Products

Note* This list only applies to single-use plastic products, single use refers to disposable food packing (takeout food) products, or the raw material to produce these products, other items need not apply.

Note* The items in Bold are not restricted and are for guidance/reference purposes only to identify Tariff Heading. Further guidance notes on Tariff Codes and Description of Goods can be found in Chapter 39 Plastics and Articles Thereof.

HS Code	Description of Goods	Comment/example
39.02	Polymer of propylene or of other olefins, in primary forms	
3902.10.00.00	-Polypropylene	Raw material for manufacturing of restricted product
39.03	Polymers of styrene, in primary forms	
3903.11.00.00	-Polystyrene: --Expansible	Raw material for manufacturing of restricted product
39.20	Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, or plastics, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials	Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, or plastics, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials
3920.10.00.00	-Of polymers of ethylene	Bulk Material of items stated in heading
3930.20.00.00	-Of polymers of propylene	Bulk Material of items stated in heading
3920.30.00.00	-Of polymers of styrene	Bulk Material of items stated in heading

39.23	Articles of conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics, stoppers, lids, caps, and other closures, of plastics	
3923.10.10.00	-Boxes, cases, crates and similar articles: ---Egg Boxes	Plastic, Styrofoam or biodegradable egg boxes
3923.21.00.00 3923.29.00.00	-Sacks & bags (including cones): --Of polymers of ethylene (inclusive of plastic bags and single-use plastic products classified as barrier bags and barrier plastics) --Of other plastics	Biodegradable trash bags, Trash bags, storage bags, packing bags, transparent packing bags, biodegradable t-shirt bags, vacuum bags, shrink bags among others and items to be used as barrier bags.
3923.50.10.00	-Stoppers, lids, caps and closures: ---Lids and caps	Biodegradable lids, and plastic caps
3923.90.10.00 3923.90.10.10	-Other: ---Cups, other than tableware or 39.24 ---Plates and Trays (inclusive of single-use plastic products classified as barrier bags and barrier plastics)	Biodegradable plastic cups or biodegradable foam cups Biodegradable plastic or biodegradable foam clamshell Biodegradable plastic or biodegradable foam plates, Biodegradable plastic or biodegradable foam soup containers Biodegradable plastic or biodegradable foam trays,

		Biodegradable plastic or biodegradable foam food containers, Biodegradable plastic or biodegradable foam serving trays among others and items to be used as barrier plastics.
39.24	Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and hygienic or toilet articles, of plastic	
3924.10.10.00	-Tableware and kitchenware ---Cups, forks, knives, plates, spoons, tumblers	Biodegradable forks, biodegradable knives, biodegradable plates, biodegradable spoons, biodegradable tumblers,
3924.10.20.00	---Drinking straws	biodegradable drinking straws

SCHEDULE III
[regulation 4]

Application for Permit to Import a Restricted Product

*Applications are to be submitted to the Department of the Environment via email:
info@environment.gov.bz*

1. Name of Applicant importing restricted product:

2. Name of Business (if applicable):

3. Contact Information:
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____
Any other contact information: _____
4. Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N)

5. Name of Product being imported: (Brand or common name of product ex, Hefty garbage bags)

6. HS Code of Product: Please tick the restricted product HS Code for restricted product being imported and provide the relevant information in the table:

HS Code	Description of Product: (provide details of the product)	Type and composition of product	Quantity of products
<input type="checkbox"/> 3902.10.00.00 - Polypropylene (products in primary form) <input type="checkbox"/> 3903.11.00.00 - Polystyrene: (products in primary form)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 3920.10.00.00 - Of Polymers of Ethylene (Bulk items) <input type="checkbox"/> 3920.20.00.00 - Of Polymers of Propylene (Bulk items) <input type="checkbox"/> 3920.30.00.00 - Of Polymers of styrene (Bulk items) <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.10.10.00 - Egg Box (egg boxes) <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.21.00.00 - Of Polymers of ethylene (including Biodegradable trash bags, Trash bags, storage bags, packing bags, transparent packing bags, biodegradable t-shirt bags, vacuum bags, shrink bags among others and items to be used as barrier bags).			

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|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.29.00.00 -
Of other plastics | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.50.10.00 -
Lids and Caps
(Biodegradable lids,
and plastic caps). | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.90.10.00 -
Cups,
(Biodegradable
plastic cups or
biodegradable
foam cups | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.90.10.10 -
Plates and trays
(Biodegradable
plastic or
biodegradable
foam clamshell,
Biodegradable
plastic or
biodegradable
foam plates,
Biodegradable
plastic or
biodegradable
foam soup
containers,
Biodegradable
plastic or
biodegradable
foam trays,
Biodegradable
plastic or
biodegradable
foam food
containers,
Biodegradable
plastic or
biodegradable
foam serving trays
among others and
items to be used
as barrier plastics. | | | |

<input type="checkbox"/> 3924.10.10.00 – Cups, forks, knives, plates, spoons, tumblers (Biodegradable forks, biodegradable knives, biodegradable plates, biodegradable spoons, biodegradable tumblers)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 3924.10.20.00 - Drinking straws (biodegradable drinking straws).			

7. Contact Information of Manufacturer (Supplier for non-biodegradable) of product being imported.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Country of Origin: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Any other contact information:

8. Purpose / Use of product:

9. Is the restricted product listed in Schedule II (Prohibited Single Use Products)?

Yes or No

If yes, please tick which product is being imported?

- Single Use Plastic Carrier bags (Plastic T-Shirt Bags)
 - Single Use Styrofoam Clamshells
 - Single Use Styrofoam Food Containers
 - Single Use Styrofoam Soup Containers
 - Single Use Styrofoam Plates
 - Single Use Styrofoam Bowls
 - Single Use Styrofoam Cups
 - Single Use Styrofoam Lids
 - Single Use Styrofoam Trays
 - Single Use Plastic Plates
 - Single Use Plastic Trays
 - Single Use Plastic Containers
 - Single Use Plastic Bowls
 - Single Use Plastic Cups
 - Single Use Plastic Food Containers
 - Single Use Plastic Lids
 - Single-use plastic cutlery and eating utensils (fork, knives, spoons, sporks, etc.)
 - Single-use plastic disposable drinking straws
 - None of the above
10. Is the restricted product being imported intended to be used as a barrier bag and plastic?
- Yes or No
11. Is the restricted product being imported intended to be used for?
- | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----|----|
| a. Medical purpose | Yes | or | No |
| b. Pharmaceutical purposes | Yes | or | No |
| c. Barrier bag or plastic? | Yes | or | No |

12. Intended use of product (barrier bags, barrier plastic or biodegradable product, please specify:

a. Intended sector for use:

b. State if you are a wholesaler, distributor, retailer, or end-user of the product.

c. Please state intended end-use of product (if known)

13. State if the product is:

Biodegradable

Non-biodegradable

Compostable

Degradable

14. If product is NON-BIODEGRADABLE, please move to question 23.

If the product is biodegradable or compostable, or degradable, is the product:

classified as commercially biodegradable plastic

NOT classified as a commercially biodegradable plastic

15. If product is commercially biodegradable plastic, specify type of plastic:

Bio-based plastic

Compostable plastic

Biodegradable plastic

Environmentally degradable plastic

16. Is product compliant with minimum national standards?

Yes or No

17. Does the product have third-party certification?

Yes or No.

If yes, state the year and certification information

18. If the product is classified as commercially biodegradable plastic, has the product undergone conformity assessment?

Yes or No

If yes, provide certification information and state:

Year conformity assessment was conducted: _____

Name of Independent testing laboratory: _____

Certification was issued: _____

19. Has the product been registered as per Regulation 10?

Yes or No

If yes, provide the product registration number: _____

20. Please check which documentation (if any) for the restricted product is being submitted along with completed application:

- Copy of Receipt of payment of non-refundable fee (mandatory)
- Material Safety Data Sheet/ Safety Data Sheet
- Product Certification (if applicable)
- Third Party Certification (if applicable)

- Conformity Assessment Documentation (if applicable)
- Notarized translation of documentation/certificate – Original (if documents requires translation into English)
- None of the above
- Invoice/ performance invoice/ Bill of laden
- Other: State _____

21. Is all the above information and documentation provide in this application accurate and truthful?

Yes or No

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

In order to facilitate the payment of the Application Fee, kindly complete the following payment slip and use when making payment at a Government Treasury or sub-Treasury.

Payment being made by (person/organization name)
 _____ to the Department of the Environment/ Government of Belize in the sum of Twenty Five Dollars, \$25.00. Payment is to be made at the Government Treasury/ Sub-Treasury to Account Number: 23328/11718/120/15 as a non-refundable Application Fee for the importation of Restricted Products.

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To be filled in Vetting Officer:

Is this a 1 st time applicant:	Yes	or	No
Is this the 1 st importation of the restricted product:	Yes	or	No
Has the applicant paid the non-refundable fee?	Yes	or	No
Is the application complete?	Yes	or	No
Is the application accurate?	Yes	or	No
Is the restricted product listed in Schedule II?	Yes	or	No
Is the restricted product intended for use as:			
Medical purpose	Yes	or	No
Pharmaceutical purposes	Yes	or	No
Barrier bag or plastic?	Yes	or	No
Is the restricted product biodegradable, or compostable, or degradable,	Yes	or	No
If biodegradable, or compostable, or degradable			
Is it classified as commercially biodegradable plastic	Yes	or	No
Does it meet all requirements and/or standards	Yes	or	No
Does it have acceptable 3 rd party certification	Yes	or	No
Has the product undergone a conformity assessment within the last 5 years?	Yes	or	No

Notes:

Recommended approval to grant permit to import: Yes or No

If no, provide reasons:

Note:

* Provide any other documentation/information as may be required by the Chief Environmental Officer

* Pursuant to Regulation 11, if the information provided in the application is false or misleading, the Chief Environmental Officer may refuse the grant of a permit or cancel the permit if already issued.

SCHEDULE VI

[regulation 15]

*Application for Licence to Manufacture a Restricted Product**Email: info@environment.gov.bz* First time application Renewal

1. Name of Owner:

2. Contact Information of Owner:

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Any other contact information: _____

3. Name of Registered Business

4. Contact Information of Registered Business

Mailing address: _____

Location address: (if different) _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Any other contact information: _____

5. Taxpayer Identification Number (T.I.N.): _____

6. Does the manufacturing facility have Environmental Clearance?

 Yes or No

7. Does the manufacturing facility have a signed Environmental Compliance Plan?

 Yes or No

If yes, provide date of Environmental Compliance Plan (dd/mm/yyyy) _____

8. For renewal applications, is the operation of the manufacturing facility compliant with the obligations set forth in the Environmental Clearance and Environmental Compliance Plan?

Yes or No

9. Is the business compliant with all current importation and manufacturing reporting requirements?

Yes or No

10. Provide name of product(s) to be manufactured by the facility:

11. Provide the types and sizes of restricted item(s) to be produced by the facility.

12. Provide the type and size of equipment used to manufacture the restricted product:

13. List the raw materials and their ratio to be used in the manufacture of each restricted product:

14. What is the quantity of restricted product manufactured by the facility.

15. Does the facility have any plans of expanding? If so describe proposed expansion include equipment needs and proposed manufacturing output.

16. Purpose / Use of product:

17. Is the product to be manufactured intended to be used as a barrier bag or barrier plastic? Yes or No

18. Is the restricted product to be manufactured intended to be used for:
 (a) medical purposes? Yes or No

(b) pharmaceutical purposes? Yes or No

(c) barrier bag or barrier plastic? Yes or No

19. If intended for use as barrier bags or barrier plastics, please specify:

- (a) intended sector for use: _____
 (b) description of distribution / point of sale: _____
 (c) state name of distributor, or retailers of product: _____
 (d) please state intended end-user of product (if known): _____

20. State if the product to be manufactured is:

- Biodegradable Non-biodegradable
 Compostable Degradable

If Non- Biodegradable, please move to question 26.

If the product is biodegradable, or compostable, or degradable, is the product:

- classified as a commercially biodegradable plastic
- NOT classified as a commercially biodegradable plastic

21. If product is commercially biodegradable plastic, specify type of plastic:

- bio-based plastic
- compostable plastic
- biodegradable plastic
- environmentally degradable plastic

22. Is product compliant with minimum national standards?

- Yes or No
- Other _____

23. Does the product have third-party certification?

- Yes or No or Not Applicable

If yes, state year and certification information

24. If the product is classified as commercially biodegradable plastic, has the product undergone conformity assessment?

- Yes or No

If yes, provide certification information and state:

year conformity assessment was conducted: _____

name of independent testing laboratory: _____

certification was issued: _____

25. Has the product been registered as per regulation 10?

- Yes or No

If yes, provide the Product Registration Number _____

26. Please check which documentation (if any) for the restricted product that is being submitted along with completed application:

- Copy of Receipt of payment of non-refundable fee (mandatory)
- Material Safety Data Sheet / Safety Data Sheet (biodegradable items)
- Product Certification (if applicable)

- Third-Party Certification (if applicable)
- Conformity Assessment Documentation (if applicable)
- Notarized translation of documentation / certification - Original (if documents requires translation into English)
- None of the above
- Other: State _____

27. Is all the above information and documentation provided in this application accurate and truthful?

- Yes or No

Date of Application (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

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To be filled in by Vetting Officer:

- Is this a 1st time licence to manufacture product: Yes or No
- Is this a renewal licence to manufacture product: Yes or No
- Has the applicant paid the non-refundable fee? Yes or No
- Is the application complete? Yes or No
- Is the application accurate? Yes or No
- Is applicant compliant with reporting requirements? Yes or No
- Is the applicant in compliance with Environmental Clearance and Environmental Compliance Plan? Yes or No

Is the restricted product intended for use as:

- Barrier bags and plastics Yes or No
- Medical purposes Yes or No
- Pharmaceutical purposes Yes or No

Is the restricted product biodegradable, or compostable, or degradable?
 Yes or No or Not Applicable

- If biodegradable, or compostable, or degradable, Is it classified as commercially biodegradable plastic? Yes or No
- does it meet all the requirements and/or standards? Yes or No
- does it have acceptable 3rd party certification? Yes or No
- Has the product undergone a conformity assessment with in the last 5 years?
 Yes or No or Not Applicable

Notes: _____

Recommend approval to grant licence to manufacture: Yes or No
If No, Provide Reasons: _____

Note:

*Provide any other documentation/information as may be required by the Chief Environmental Officer

*Pursuant to regulation 19, if the information provided in the application is false or misleading, the Chief Environmental Officer may refuse the grant of a licence to manufacture the restricted product. ”.

MADE by the Minister responsible for the environment after consultation with the Department of Environment this 17th day of January, 2022.



HON. ORLANDO HABET

*Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change
and Disaster Risk Management
(Minister responsible for environment)*

