


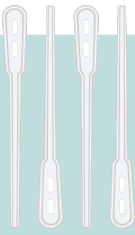




Information on the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations*

If you manufacture, import or sell certain single-use plastic items, federal regulations may apply to you

On June 22, 2022, the Government of Canada published the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations*. To prevent plastic pollution, the Regulations prohibit the manufacture, import, and sale of six categories of single-use plastics that pose a threat to the environment.

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ITEMS PROHIBITED BY THE REGULATIONS

 <p>Checkout bags</p>	 <p>Cutlery</p>	 <p>Ring carriers</p>
<p>designed to carry purchased goods from a business and typically given to a customer at the retail point of sale</p>	<p>includes knives, forks, spoons, sporks, and chopsticks</p>	<p>flexible and designed to surround beverage containers in order to carry them together</p>
 <p>Stir sticks</p>	 <p>Foodservice ware</p>	 <p>Straws</p>
<p>designed to stir or mix beverages, or to prevent a beverage from spilling from the lid of its container</p>	<p>designed for serving or transporting food or beverage that is ready to be consumed and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is a clamshell container, lidded container, box, cup, plate or bowl; and • contains expanded or extruded polystyrene foam, polyvinyl chloride, carbon black or an oxo-degradable plastic 	<p>includes straight drinking straws and flexible straws, which have a corrugated section that allows the straw to bend, packaged with beverage container</p>

The Regulations do not apply to plastic manufactured items that are waste or that are transiting through Canada.

RULES FOR SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FLEXIBLE STRAWS TO ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY

- Manufacture and import are allowed
- Retail stores can sell straws in packages of 20 or more on the following conditions:
 - they are not on public display; and
 - provided only if requested by the customer
- A business may sell straws in packages of 20 or more to another business
- Individuals can give straws to others in a family or social setting
- Care institutions can provide straws to their patients or residents



COMING INTO FORCE OF THE PROHIBITIONS

Items	Manufacture and import for sale in Canada	Sale	Manufacture, import and sale for export
Checkout bags, cutlery, foodservice ware, stir sticks, straws*	December 20, 2022	December 20, 2023	December 20, 2025
Ring carriers	June 20, 2023	June 20, 2024	December 20, 2025
Flexible straws packaged with beverage containers.	Not applicable	June 20, 2024	December 20, 2025

*Single-use plastic flexible straws that are not packaged with beverage containers are excluded from the prohibitions under certain conditions.

Reusable substitutes made of plastic

Single-use plastic checkout bags, cutlery and straws have reusable substitutes also made of plastic that are not subject to the Regulations. Performance criteria differentiate between single-use and reusable items for these product categories. [Tests to determine whether a product meets the criteria for single-use](#) must be conducted by an accredited laboratory.

Record keeping for export

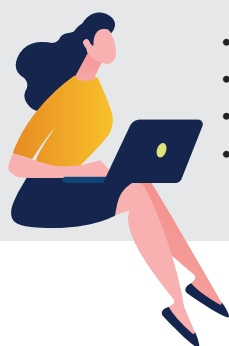
If you manufacture or import any of the six categories of single-use plastics for export, you must [keep records](#) providing written evidence that the single-use plastic has been or will be exported. You must keep records and supporting documents in Canada for at least five years.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

As a manufacturer, importer or seller, it is your responsibility to know what single-use plastic items you can make or supply.

Manufacturers	Importers	Sellers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inform your customers of the prohibition ✓ Plan to cease manufacture and export according to the prohibition dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inform your foreign suppliers of the prohibition ✓ Plan to cease the import and export according to the prohibition dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inform your suppliers and customers of the prohibition ✓ Plan to cease the sale according to the prohibition dates



Learn more about the Regulations, and how to comply with and adapt to them:

- [Full text](#) of the Regulations
- [Regulations' Technical Guidelines](#) which explain in greater details the requirements of the Regulations
- [Guidance for selecting alternatives](#) to learn more about best practices for choosing alternatives to the six categories of single-use plastics

► More information is available on the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations* website at canada.ca/single-use-plastic-ban.

► If the information you need is unavailable on our website, contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at PlastiquesUU-SUPlastics@ec.gc.ca.



DISCLAIMER

This information does not in any way supersede or modify the *Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations*, or offer any legal interpretation of those Regulations. Where there are any inconsistencies between this information and the Regulations, the Regulations take precedence. A copy of the Regulations is available at the following website: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2022-138/>.