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Under the authority of [section 111](#) of the [Environmental Protection Act](#), the Lieutenant-Governor in Council makes the following regulations.

Dated at St. John's ,

Elizabeth Day
Clerk of the Executive Council

REGULATIONS

Short title

1. These regulations may be cited as the *Plastic Retail Bag Regulations* .

1/20 s1

Definitions

2. In these regulations

- (a) "plastic retail bag" means a bag made of plastic, including biodegradable plastic or compostable plastic but does not include a reusable retail bag;
- (b) "retailer" means a person who sells or offers to sell goods to the public; and
- (c) "reusable retail bag" means a bag
 - (i) primarily made of cloth or washable fabric, and
 - (ii) designed and manufactured to be capable of at least 100 uses.

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Prohibition

- 3. A retailer shall not sell or provide a plastic retail bag to a person.

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Exemptions

- 4. (1) [Section 3](#) does not apply to a bag used to

- (a) package fruit, vegetables, candy, grains, nuts and other loose bulk food items;
- (b) package meat, poultry or fish, whether pre-packaged or not;
- (c) wrap flowers or potted plants;
- (d) protect prepared foods or bakery goods that are not pre-packaged;
- (e) transport live fish;
- (f) protect newspapers or printed material left at a person's residence or place of business;
- (g) protect clothes after professional laundering or dry cleaning; or
- (h) protect used tires taken off vehicles and placed in a person's vehicle.

(2) [Section 3](#) does not limit or restrict the sale of bags, including plastic bags, intended for use at a person's home or business, that are sold in packages of multiple bags.

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Commencement

- 5. These regulations come into force on October 1, 2020.

1/20 s5; 26/20 s1