

**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.



**BELIZE:**

**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.

<b>HS Code</b>	<b>Description of Goods</b>	<b>Comment/example</b>
<b>39.02</b>	<b>Polymer of propylene or of other olefins, in primary forms</b>	
3902.10.00.00	-Polypropylene	Raw material for manufacturing of restricted product
<b>39.03</b>	<b>Polymers of styrene, in primary forms</b>	
3903.11.00.00	-Polystyrene: --Expansible	Raw material for manufacturing of restricted product
<b>39.20</b>	<b>Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, or plastics, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials</b>	<b>Other plates, sheets, film, foil and strip, or plastics, non-cellular and not reinforced, laminated, supported or similarly combined with other materials</b>
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	<b>Articles of conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics, stoppers, lids, caps, and other closures, of plastics</b>	
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.
<b>39.24</b>	<b>Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and hygienic or toilet articles, of plastic</b>	
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:  
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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 -<br>Of other plastics   |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.50.10.00 -<br>Lids and Caps<br>(Biodegradable lids,<br>and plastic caps).   |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.90.10.00 -<br>Cups,<br>(Biodegradable<br>plastic cups or<br>biodegradable<br>foam cups  |  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3923.90.10.10 -<br>Plates and trays<br>(Biodegradable<br>plastic or<br>biodegradable<br>foam clamshell,<br>Biodegradable<br>plastic or<br>biodegradable<br>foam plates,<br>Biodegradable<br>plastic or<br>biodegradable<br>foam soup<br>containers,<br>Biodegradable<br>plastic or<br>biodegradable<br>foam trays,<br>Biodegradable<br>plastic or<br>biodegradable<br>foam food<br>containers,<br>Biodegradable<br>plastic or<br>biodegradable<br>foam serving trays<br>among others and<br>items to be used<br>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
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16. Is product complaint 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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 <sup>st</sup> time applicant:	Yes	or	No
Is this the 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> party certification	Yes	or	No
Has the product undergone a conformity assessment within the last 5 years?	Yes	or	No

Notes:

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Recommended approval to grant permit to import:      Yes      or      No

If no, provide reasons:

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**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:

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2. Contact Information of Owner:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of Registered Business

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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:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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:

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

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

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16. Purpose / Use of product:

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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)
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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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)*

