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THE EXTERNAL TRADE (SHOPPING PLASTIC BAGS PROHIBITION) ORDER made by the Minister under section 3 (1)(b) of the External Trade Act, Cap. 163.

1. Short title

This Order may be cited as the External Trade (Shopping Plastic Bags Prohibition) Order, 2017

2. Interpretation

“shopping plastic bag” mean plastic bags that are polyethylene or petroleum-based used as shopping bags. These are sometimes called single-use bags for carrying items from a store to a home.

3. Prohibition of importation, distribution, sale and use of shopping plastic bags

The importation, distribution, sale and use of shopping plastic bags is prohibited absolutely after the 30th June, 2016.

4. Exemptions

1. The types of plastic bags described in the Schedule is exempted from prohibition.
2. The Minister may designate as exempted any other shopping plastic bag from the prohibition.

5. Repeal

The External Trade (Import Prohibition) Order, 2016, S.I. No 16 of 2016 is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE

The following types of shopping plastic bags provided to consumers at the point of sale used for transporting, packaging, and carrying goods shall not be subjected to the prohibition--

- (a) plastic bread wrapping;
- (b) plastic bags, plastic wrap and plastic sheets used solely to contain or wrap—
 - (i) fresh meat and fresh meat products
 - (ii) fresh fish and fresh fish products; and
 - (iii) fresh poultry and fresh poultry products, whether repackaged or not;
- (c) plastic bags used as primary packaging solely used to package –
 - (i) fruits or nuts;
 - (ii) confectionary products;
 - (iii) dairy products;
 - (iv) cooked food whether hot or cold;
 - (v) liquid or frozen products;
 - (vi) seeds;
 - (vii) small hardware items;
 - (viii) medicinal products; and
 - (ix) veterinary products;
- (d) polythene tubes for seedlings;
- (e) laundry dry cleaning bags; and
- (f) plastic bags use in waste storage and disposal such as bin liners and refuse.

Made the 28th day of .November, 2017.

Hon. E. Paul Chet Greene,
*Minister responsible for Trade,
Commerce & Industry, Sports,
Culture and National Festivals*