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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT

(Act 18 of 2016)

Environment Protection (Restriction on the manufacturing, importation, distribution and sale of Plastic Straws) Regulations, 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80(1) of the Environment Protection Act, 2016 the Minister responsible for Environment makes the following Regulations —

1. These regulations may be cited as the Environment Protection (Restriction on the manufacturing, importation, distribution and sale of Plastic Straws) Regulations, 2019 and shall come into operation on 1st June, 2019.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

   “Certificate of Conformity” means a document, tag, label, or nameplate, provided on delivery to the buyer that attests the products composition;

   “Ministry” means the Ministry responsible for environment;

   “non-plastic straw” means a straw that is made of non-plastic materials including paper, sugar cane, wood, bamboo or any other material that may be approved by the Minister;

   “plastic” means material which contains as an essential ingredient a high polymer such as
Where a consignment of plastic straws has been imported in breach of these regulations, the consignment shall be dealt with in accordance with section 246(1)(b) or 247(1) of the Customs Management Act, 2011 (Act 22 of 2011).

MADE this 30th day of May, 2019.

WALLACE COSGROW
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT,
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