

# Regulation on the production, import, marketing and use of single-use plastic products and materials

**P**residential Decree 170/25 of 22 September has been published to approve the regulation on the production, import, marketing and use of single-use plastic products and materials.

The aim of the decree is to:

- Progressively reduce the use of disposable plastics
- Encourage the use of reusable, biodegradable and compostable alternatives
- Protect ecosystems and ensure better living conditions for the population

The legislation applies to all single-use plastic products and materials produced, imported, marketed or consumed within the country. It also applies to all economic operators that produce, import or market such plastic products and materials. As set out in the 2025-2027 Plan for the Progressive Elimination of Single-Use Plastics, these economic operators must present reusable, biodegradable or compostable alternatives to prohibited products.

However, single-use plastics intended for use in the health, oil and gas, fisheries, cosmetics, agriculture, construction and personal hygiene sectors are

excluded from the scheme as they are regulated by specific legislation.

Following the publication of this legislation, producers and importers of biodegradable plastics must obtain a Biodegradability Certificate from the Ministry of the Environment. The fees associated with this certification will be defined in a joint executive decree to be published by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Finance. Biodegradability certifications issued by foreign bodies for imported products are recognised, provided they are valid in the products' countries of origin.

The production, marketing, import and use of various single-use plastic products that do not comply with technical manufacturing standards is prohibited. These standards will be defined by a joint executive decree from the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Industry and Trade. Prohibited items include:

**THE PRODUCTION, MARKETING, IMPORT AND USE OF VARIOUS SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH TECHNICAL MANUFACTURING STANDARDS IS PROHIBITED.**

- Polymer-based plastic bags with a thickness of less than 50 microns
- Straws and drink stirrers made from non-reusable and non-biodegradable plastics
- Plastic cotton buds
- EPS and XPS cups
- PET bottles with a capacity of less than 500 ml
- The free distribution of plastic bags with a thickness of 50 microns or more

The acquisition, sale and use of single-use plastic products and materials are also prohibited in protected natural areas, cultural or natural heritage sites, museums, beaches and conservation areas.

The National Authority for Economic Inspection and Food Safety (ANIESA) and the Municipal Administration are responsible for enforcing compliance with the rules of the decree.

The Ministry of the Environment will prepare an annual report on the impact of this law, which will be submitted to the Head of the Executive Branch.

The decree came into force on 22 September 2025 upon publication.

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