

## Annex 1 – WTO Single-Use Plastics Notification

<p>1. <b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u></p> <p><b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b> The Scottish Government</p>
<p>2. <b>Agency responsible:</b> Zero Waste Unit, Environmental Quality &amp; Circular Economy, Environment and Forestry Directorate, Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b></p> <p>TBT Enquiry Point, Department for International Trade, Old Admiralty Building, Admiralty Place, Whitehall, London, SW1A 2DY <a href="mailto:TBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk">TBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk</a></p>
<p>3. <b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b></p>
<p>4. <b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> • single-use plastic expanded polystyrene beverage cups • single-use plastic expanded polystyrene beverage containers • single-use plastic expanded polystyrene food containers • single-use plastic cutlery • single-use plastic plates • single-use plastic beverage stirrers • single-use plastic straws, and • single-use plastic balloon sticks.; Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles, of plastics (excl. baths, shower-baths, washbasins, bidets, lavatory pans, seats and covers, flushing cisterns and similar sanitary ware) (HS 3924)</p>
<p>5. <b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (9 page(s), in English)</p>
<p>6. <b>Description of content:</b> These regulations propose introducing market restrictions – effectively a ban – for problematic single-use plastic (SUP) items in line with Article 5 of the EU Single-Use Plastics Directive (EU) 2019/904 .</p> <p>The Regulations ban the supply, in the course of business, and the manufacture of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• single-use plastic expanded polystyrene beverage cups</li><li>• single-use plastic expanded polystyrene beverage containers</li><li>• single-use plastic expanded polystyrene food containers</li><li>• single-use plastic cutlery</li></ul>

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- single-use plastic plates
- single-use plastic beverage stirrers

The Regulations ban the supply, in the course of a business and subject to specified exemptions of:

- single-use plastic straws
- single-use plastic balloon sticks.

**7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** This measure is designed in reference to other WTO member's rules, such as the EU's, to prevent and reduce the impact on the environment, in particular the aquatic environment, and human health. Tackling the negative impact that plastic waste has on our communities, oceans, rivers and land ecosystems has never been more important. Failing to act to protect our finite natural resources and to address the significant economic, social and environmental challenges associated with plastic litter is simply not an option. We must act to address the linear consumption model for single-use plastic items which remains far too prevalent. Our current throwaway culture causes pollution of our ecosystems, biodiversity loss, increased carbon emissions and litter. By introducing market restrictions, the Scottish Government wishes to see innovative solutions towards more sustainable business models and re-use alternatives prioritised over substitution of materials. These regulations represent an important next step in our efforts to tackle our plastic problem, allowing us to maintain pace with leading environmental regulatory standards while re-affirming Scotland's position as a world-leader in the circular economy. ; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment

**8. Relevant documents:**

- Draft Business Regulation Impact Assessment (BRIA) (attached)
- Consultation and responses on introducing market restrictions on single-use plastic items in Scotland: <https://consult.gov.scot/zero-waste-delivery/introducing-market-restrictions-on-single-use-plas/>
- Draft regulations discussion paper: <https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/draft-environmental-protection-single-use-plastic/>

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** November 2021

**Proposed date of entry into force:** June 2022

**10. Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification

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**11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**

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