NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** UNITED KINGDOM**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** The Welsh Government |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Local Environment Quality Branch, Environmental Protection Division, Department for Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government**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:** TBT Enquiry Point,Department for International Trade,Old Admiralty Building,Admiralty Place,Whitehall,London,SW1A 2DYTBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****X], 7.2 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics. (HS code(s): 3923); Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and hygienic or toilet articles, of plastics. (HS code(s): 3924)· single-use plastic plates· single-use plastic cutlery· single-use plastic drinks stirrers· single-use plastic drinking straws (including attached straws)· single-use plastic cups made of polystyrene· single-use plastic takeaway food containers made of polystyrene· single-use plastic cup and takeaway food container lids made of polystyrene· single-use plastic-stemmed cotton buds· single-use plastic sticks for balloons· products made of oxo-degradable plastic and· single-use plastic carrier bags (SUCBs) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill; (17 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The introduction of The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill will make it an offence for a person to supply or offer to supply (including for free), the following commonly littered and unnecessary disposable single-use plastic (SUP) products to a consumer in Wales:· plates· cutlery· drinks stirrers· drinking straws (including attached straws)· cups made of polystyrene· takeaway food containers made of polystyrene· cup and takeaway food container lids made of polystyrene· plastic-stemmed cotton buds· sticks for balloons· oxo-degradable products· plastic single-use carrier bags (SUCBs)Initially proposed in 2020, the scope of the proposals have been expanded to tackle the negative impacts of plastic pollution on our environment, and engagement is on-going to develop the legislation. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Tackling the negative impacts from plastic pollution on our environment, wildlife, health and wellbeing is a key priority for Welsh Ministers as it aligns with the [Wellbeing of Future Generations Act](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents/enacted) which requires the Welsh Government to consider the long-term impact of our decisions and is also a Programme for Government commitment.The majority of the single use items included in our legislation are often provided to consumers at low, or no cost, with an accompanying purchase of food or drink. These items are very small and are of low individual value, both to the end consumer and the retailer. The cost and effort of separating, cleaning and processing them for recycling is, therefore, deemed not worthwhile.Consequently, a high volume of these products are discarded into general waste, either by the end consumer or the retailer, or are littered. When littered they enter into rivers and our marine environment, causing environmental damage and harm to our wildlife.The introduction of this legislation is a first key step in our phased approach to shifting away from our throwaway culture. By removing these single use plastic items from the supply chain, we will prevent this pollution from occurring in the first place. It will also encourage businesses to move towards making more reusable, more easily recyclable and less environmentally harmful alternatives.; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** [Reducing Single-use plastic consultation summary of responses](https://gov.wales/reducing-single-use-plastic-wales)[Consultation on Reducing single use plastics](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2020-07/reducing-single-use-plastics-consultation.pdf)[The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2020/9780111193631)[The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2021/410/contents/made)[Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2015/2/contents/enacted) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** November 2022**Proposed date of entry into force:** July 2023 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** National Enquiry PointUK TBT Enquiry PointTrade Policy GroupDepartment for International TradeOld Admiralty BuildingAdmiralty PlaceWhitehallLondonSW1A 2DYTBTEnquiriesUK@trade.gov.uk<https://gov.wales/draft-environmental-protection-single-use-plastic-products-wales-bill> |