NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 31 March 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of New Zealand.

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**Title:** Reducing the impact of plastic on our environment - moving away from hard-to-recycle and single-use items: consultation document

https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/waste/reducing-impact-of-plastic-our-environment-moving-away-from-hard-to-recycle-and-single-use-items

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| **Reason for Addendum:** | |
| [ ] | Comment period changed - date: |
| [ ] | Notified measure adopted - date: |
| [ ] | Notified measure published - date: |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: The Regulations will commence on 1 October 2022. |
| [X] | Text of final measure available from[[1]](#footnote-1):  <https://legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2022/0069/13.0/LMS654254.html> |
| [ ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:  Relevant symbol if measure re-notified: |
| [X] | Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from1: [https://legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2022/0069/13.0/LMS654254.html](https://legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2022/0069/13.0/LMS654254.html" \t "_blank)  Small changes were made to the proposals of the consultation document following consultation with industry on the Tranche 1 regulations. These relate to the expansion of the PVC food tray phase-out (which was originally exclusive to PVC meat trays for tranche 1 with other types of PVC food and beverage packaging targeted for phase-out in tranche 3) and allowing exemptions for the cotton buds phase out for medical and scientific purposes.  New deadline for comments (if applicable): |
| [X] | Interpretive guidance issued and text available from1:  <https://legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2022/0069/13.0/LMS654254.html> |
| [ ] | Other: |

**Description:** New Zealand has notified to the WTO through G/TBT/N/NZL/103 - *Reducing the impact of plastic on our environment - moving away from hard-to-recycle and single-use items: consultation document,* of our intention to introduce regulations phasing out (by 2025) problematic single-use and hard-to recycle plastic items where alternatives are viable and available*.* The regulations will come into force over three tranches between 2022 and 2025. This addendum notifies that the first tranche of these regulations will enter into force on 1 October 2022.

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The resulting Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Regulations 2022 were made on 17 March 2022. The Regulations prohibit the sale and manufacture of certain hard-to-recycle and single-use plastic items including: drink stirrers, cotton-buds, plastics with pro-degradants (such as oxo- or photo-degradable), certain PVC food trays and containers, polystyrene takeaway food and drink packaging and expanded polystyrene food and drink packaging otherwise sold by retail.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)