NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** New Zealand  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Ministry for the Environment PO Box 10362 Wellington 6143 New Zealand [www.mfe.govt.nz](http://www.mfe.govt.nz) [info@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:info@mfe.govt.nz)  Ph: +64 4 439 7400  **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:**  Standards New Zealand Ph +64 4 498 5990 [wto@standards.co.nz](mailto:wto@standards.co.nz)  [www.standards.govt.nz](http://www.standards.govt.nz) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Specific single-use plastic items |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Reducing the impact of plastic on our environment - moving away from hard-to-recycle and single-use items: consultation document (75 page(s), in English)  <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/waste/reducing-impact-of-plastic-our-environment-moving-away-from-hard-to-recycle-and-single-use-items> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This proposal includes seeking feedback on phasing out (by 2025) problematic single-use plastic items where alternatives are viable and available. Items included in this proposal are single-use plastic: straws, cotton buds, drink stirrers, tableware (plates, trays, bowls) and cutlery, produce bags, plastic cups and lids (excluding disposable coffee cups), and non-compostable fruit stickers. The list is based on a range of considerations including environmental harm, availability of alternatives, and international precedent.  The proposed phase-out would apply to any person or entity (technically, any natural person or legal person) selling, manufacturing or distributing these items. The final regulations may apply to either sale or manufacture of the prescribed plastics, or both. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * 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> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Late 2021  **Proposed date of entry into force:** By January 2025 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/waste/reducing-impact-of-plastic-our-environment-moving-away-from-hard-to-recycle-and-single-use-items> |