



CURRENT STATUS OF PLASTIC LEGISLATION - MARCH 2024

Last Updated: 15 March 2024 Source: National Retail Association		STATUS	Bans In Effect	New Discussion Paper Closed 04 Feb 2024	Expect Ban Plan Soon	Roadmap Consultation Expected Soon	Expect Final Regulations Soon	No Update. Expect Ban Announcement Soon	No Update	Ban Rollout Underway
		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
GENERAL	Items in Pre-Packaged Food / Beverage Products	Exempt	Exempt until 31 Dec 2024			Sep-25		Exempt till 31 Dec 2025	Varied	
	Position on Certified Compostable Plastic	Banned	Banned		Varied	Varied		Banned	Varied	
UTENSILS	Plastic Straws	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart Only	Feb-23	Jul-22	
	Plastic Cutlery	Jul-21	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart Only	Feb-23	Jul-22	
	Plastic Stirrers	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart Only	Feb-23	Jul-22	
FOODWARE (WITHOUT LIDS)	Plastic Plates	Jul-23	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Sep-23		Feb-23	Jul-22	
	Plastic Bowls Without Lids	Jul-23	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Sep-23	Hobart Only		Jul-22	
	Plastic Containers Without Lids		TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Jul-22	
	Polymer-Coated Paper Plates	Exempt till Nov-24	Exempt till Nov-24	2025	Exempt	Exempt till Nov-24		Exempt till Nov-24	Jul-22	
	Polymer-Coated Paper Bowls	Exempt till Nov-24	Exempt till Nov-24	2025	Exempt	Exempt till Nov-24			Jul-22	
FOODWARE (WITH LIDS)	Plastic Bowls With Lids		TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Sep-24	
	Plastic Takeaway Containers With Lids		TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Sep-24	
	Plastic Lined Paper Cartons (e.g. Noodle Box)		TBC (See Paper)			Sep-24	Hobart Only		Sep-24	
	Plastic Lid / Windows / Seals For Food Containers		TBC (See Paper)			Sep-24			Sep-24* see details	
	Produce Labels		TBC (See Paper)			Sep-25				
	Bread Tags / Similar Tags		TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Sep-24				
	Polystyrene (PS) Takeaway Food / Beverage Packaging									
	PVC Pre-Formed Food Trays and Containers									
	PS and PVC Food Packaging (Pre-Packaged)									
DRINKWARE	Plastic Beverage Containers (e.g. Bottles)	2018	2017	2012	2018	1977	2023	2023	2020	
	Plastic Beverage Container Lids		TBC (see paper)							
	Plastic Cups For Cold Drinks		TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Oct-22	
	Plastic Cups For Hot Drinks		TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Mar-24	
	Plastic Cup Lids		TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart Only		Mar-24	
EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS)	EPS Foodware (e.g. Clamshells)	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-22		Feb-23	Jul-22	
	EPS Cups	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-22		Feb-23	Sep-23	
	EPS Trays (e.g., Meat, Fresh Produce)	Jul-23	TBC (See Paper)	2025	TBC	Sep-24			Jul-22 / Sep-23	
	EPS Multi-Serve Gelato Container	Currently Exempt	Currently Exempt	2025	Sep-21	Sep-24		Currently Exempt	Jul-22	
	EPS Pre-Packaged Containers (e.g. Noodle Cups)					Sep-25				
BAGS	Lightweight Plastic Shopping Bags (<36 Microns)	Cert. Compostable Exempt				Cert. Compostable Exempt				
	Heavyweight Plastic Shopping Bags (>36 Microns)	Jan-24	TBC (See Paper)	2025	Reusable Std by Sep-23	Sep-24			Jul-22	
	Paper Bags With Plastic Laminate	Jan-24	TBC (See Paper)			Sep-24			Jul-22	
	Fabric Bags	Jan-24				Sep-24			Jul-22	
	Produce / Barrier Bags (Fruit & Vegetables)		TBC (See Paper)			Sep-24			Sep-24	
	Produce / Barrier Bags (Meat & Other)		TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Sep-24			Sep-24	
OTHER	Plastics With 'Degradable' Additives Intentionally Added PFAS / Harmful Chemicals	Jul-22	TBC (See Paper)		TBC	Mar-22			Sep-23	

HUHTAMAKI TP SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES

Paper Straws, Wooden Cutlery, Wooden Stirrers

Paper & Bamboo/Kraft Board / Sugarcane Plates, Bowls, Trays

Sugarcane/Bamboo/Kraft Board Containers With Lids

Paper & Bamboo Cups

Sugarcane/Kraft Board Containers With Lids/Trays

Paper Bags Compostable Produce Bags

Already Banned
 Banned Soon (Regulations Finalised)
 Proposed For Ban / Under Consultation
 Design Standards In Effect
 Proposed For Design Standards

