



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT NO. 24 OF 2014

Waste Management Regulations (Amendment) Order No. 128 of 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 14 and 44 of the Waste Management Act No. 24 of 2014, I, the Honourable BRUNO TAU LEINGKON, Minister of Climate Change Adaptation, Geohazards, Meteorology and Energy, make the following Order.

1 Amendments

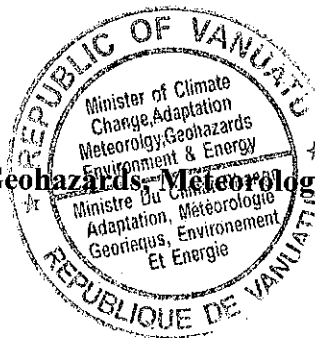
The Waste Management Regulations Order No. 15 of 2018 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on 1 December 2019.

Made at Port Vila this 18th day of October, 2019.


Honourable BRUNO TAU LEINGKON
Minister of Climate Change Adaptation, Geohazards, Meteorology and Energy



SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF THE WASTE REGULATIONS ORDER NO. 15 OF 2018

1 Clause 1 (Definition of “disposable container”)

Repeal the definition.

2 Clause 1 (Definition of “single use plastic bag”)

- (a) After “commerce”, insert “including the use of repackaging”
- (b) Delete “with a thickness of less than 35 microns”, substitute “that comes in any size and thickness”

3 Clause 1

Insert in its correct alphabetical position:

“artificial plastic flower means an imitation of natural flowering plants made in whole or part of plastic used for commercial, residential, or cultural purposes, and includes necklaces of artificial flowers;

disposable container means a closed or an open container less than 30cm in length, made in whole or part of polystyrene and includes hinged or lidded container, boxes, cases and similar articles in which food is wholly or partly placed, packed, carried, or stored;

disposable plastic cup means a cup made in whole or part of plastic intended for single use where drink is served;

disposable plastic fork means a fork made in whole or part of plastic intended for single use where food is served;

disposable plastic knife means a knife made in whole or part of plastic intended for single use where food is served;

disposable plastic spoon means a spoon made in whole or part of plastic intended for single use where food is served;

disposable plastic plate means a plate made in whole or part of plastic or polystyrene intended for single use where food is served;

disposable plastic stirrer means an object made in whole or part of plastic used to stir liquid in a cup or a container;

plastic egg carton container means a carton made in whole or part of plastic in which eggs are packed for sale;

plastic mesh net means a nylon sturdy woven plastic net made in whole or part of polypropylene for use in trade and commerce including packaging of goods and is designed for single use purpose only;”

4 Paragraph 2(1)(c)

Delete “.”, substitute “;

- (d) artificial plastic flower;
- (e) disposable plastic cup;
- (f) disposable plastic fork;
- (g) disposable plastic knife;
- (h) disposable plastic plate;
- (i) disposable plastic spoon
- (j) disposable plastic stirrer;
- (k) plastic egg carton container;
- (l) plastic mesh net”.

5 After clause 2

Insert

“2A Prohibition of importation of certain waste items

- (1) A person must not import any or all of the following items:
 - (a) disposable containers;
 - (b) single use plastic bags;
 - (c) straws;
 - (d) artificial plastic flower;

- (e) disposable plastic cup;
 - (f) disposable plastic fork;
 - (g) disposable plastic knife;
 - (h) disposable plastic plate;
 - (i) disposable plastic spoon;
 - (j) disposable plastic stirrer;
 - (k) plastic egg carton container;
 - (l) plastic mesh net.
- (2) Despite subclause (1), a person may import plastic mesh net if it forms part of packaging and is over 50 cm in length and 30cm in width.
- (3) A person who contravenes subclause (1) commits an offence punishable on conviction:
- (a) in the case of an individual – a fine not exceeding VT 500,000 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months or both; or
 - (b) in the case of a body corporate – a fine not exceeding VT1,000,000.”

6 Subclause 3(1)

Delete “disposable containers or straws to any other person.”, substitute “to any other person any or all of the following items;

- (a) artificial plastic flower;
- (b) disposable plastic cup;
- (c) disposable containers;
- (d) disposable plastic plate;
- (e) disposable plastic spoon;

- (f) disposable plastic stirrer;
- (g) plastic egg carton container;
- (h) plastic mesh net;
- (i) straws.”

7 Subclause 3(2)

After “fish”, insert “or for the purpose of carrying duty free items”