

# Canada Publishes Final Regulations Banning Single-Use Plastics Country: Canada



On June 20, 2022, Canada announced final regulations banning the following single-use plastic manufactured items: checkout bags, cutlery, certain foodservice ware, ring carriers, stir sticks, and most straws. Depending on the specific product considered, coming into force of these regulations occurs between six months and three and a half years following June 20, 2022

In line with the federal government's Zero Plastic Waste Agenda, on June 20, 2022, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) announced final Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations. Initially published in December 2021, when proposed regulations were subject to public consultations, the ban on single-use plastic manufactured items covers the following six categories:

- checkout bags
- cutlery
- foodservice ware made from or containing problematic plastics that are hard to recycle
- ring carriers
- stir sticks
- straws (with certain exceptions)

The final regulations are scheduled to come into force over a period between six months and three and a half years following June 20, 2022, depending on the specific item considered. For instance, the manufacture and import of single-use plastic ring carriers is prohibited after June 20, 2023, while the sale of these items is prohibited after June 20, 2024. To help industry comply with the final regulations, ECCC published two guidance documents:

- Guidance document - technical guidelines  
[Single-use Plastics Prohibitions Regulations Technical Guidelines - Canada.ca](#)
  - Guidance document for selecting alternatives  
[Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations – Guidance for selecting alternatives - Canada.ca](#)
- For additional background, please refer to FAS Canada's GAIN Report CA2022-0001.

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