



CURRENT STATUS OF PLASTIC LEGISLATION - SEPTEMBER 2024

IMPORTANT: The rule, exemptions and definitions for each state ban vary greatly. Please check each government website for details.

last updated: 1 Sept 2024	status	bans in effect, no further bans announced. <i>Some exemptions end soon.</i>	awaiting further consultation on future action. <i>Some exemptions end soon.</i>	expect ban plan soon	bans on hold until further consultation and harmonisation work	final regulations passed. <i>Ban rollout underway.</i>	consultation open, <i>closes 1 October 2024</i>	plastic lined plate exemption ends soon	ban rollout underway. <i>New exemptions announced.</i>	consultation underway, regulation of packaging expected by 2025	Bans in effect. <i>Stage 3 delayed likely mid-2026</i>
		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST	NZ
GENERAL	Items in pre-packaged food/bev products	exempt	exemption ends 31 Dec 2024		exemption ends 31 Dec 2025	exemption ends 31 Aug 2025	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC	exemption ends 31 Dec 2025	varied		some integrated included
	Position on certified compostable plastic	banned	banned		varied	varied. Mostly accepted		banned	varied. Mostly accepted		varied
UTENSILS	Plastic straws	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC	Feb-23	Jul-22		Jul-23
	Plastic cutlery	Jul-21	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC	Feb-23	Jul-22		Jul-23 incl. integrated
	Plastic stirrers	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC	Feb-23	Jul-22		Oct-22
FOODWARE (without lids)	Plastic plates	Jul-23	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Sep-23		Feb-23	Jul-22		Jul-23 *see details
	Plastic bowls without lids	Jul-23	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Sep-23	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Jul-22		Jul-23
	Plastic containers without lids		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Jul-22		
	Polymer-coated paper plates	exemption ends 31 Oct 2024	exemption ends 31 Oct 2024	2025	exempt	exemption ends 31 Oct 2024	TAS 2025 TBC	exemption ends 31 Oct 2024	Jul-22		
	- cert compostable allowed?	no	no		exempt	yes		no	no		
FOODWARE (with lids)	Polymer-coated paper bowls without lids	exemption ends 31 Oct 2024	exemption ends 31 Oct 2024	2025	exempt	exemption ends 31 Oct 2024	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Jul-22		
	- cert compostable allowed?	no	no		exempt	yes		allowed if fibre based			
	Plastic bowls with lids		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Sep-24		
	Plastic takeaway containers with lids/windows/seals		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Sep-24		
	Plastic lined paper cartons (eg. noodle box)		TBC (see paper)			Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Sep-24		
OTHER FOOD PACKAGING	Plastic lid/windows/seals for food containers		TBC (see paper)			Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Sep-24		
	Condiment packaging / soy sauce fish		TBC (see paper)			Sep-25	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC				
	Sauce sachets		TBC (see paper)		TBC		Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC				
	Non-compostable produce labels		TBC (see paper)			Sep-25	TAS 2025 TBC				Jul-23 see details
	Bread tags / similar rigid tags used to close a bag		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24	TAS 2025 TBC				
	Polystyrene (PS) takeaway food/bev packaging										Oct-22
	PVC pre-formed food trays and containers										Oct-22
	PS and PVC food packaging (pre-packaged)										mid-2026 TBC
	Plastic sticks for lollipops, ice-cream, foods		TBC (see paper)				TAS 2025 TBC				
	Pizza savers		TBC (see paper)			Sep-23	TAS 2025 TBC				
DRINKWARE	Plastic beverage containers (eg. bottles)	2018	2017	2012	2018	1977	2023	2023	2020		2025
	Plastic beverage container lids		TBC (see paper)								
	Plastic beverage stoppers/plugs		TBC (see paper)			Sep-24	TAS 2025 TBC				
	Plastic cups for cold drinks		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Oct-22		
	Plastic cups for hot drinks		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Mar-24		
	Plastic cup lids & seals		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24	Hobart ban, TAS 2025 TBC		Mar-24		
EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (EPS)	EPS foodware (eg clamshells)	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-22	TAS 2025 TBC	Feb-23	Jul-22	2022	Oct-22
	EPS cups	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-22	TAS 2025 TBC	Feb-23	Sep-23	2022	
	EPS trays (eg. meat, fresh produce)	Jul-23	TBC (see paper)	2025	TBC	Sep-24	TAS 2025 TBC		Jul-22 / Sep-23	2022	
	EPS multi-serve gelato container	currently exempt	currently exempt	2025	Sep-21	Sep-24	TAS 2025 TBC	currently exempt	Jul-22	2022	
	EPS pre-packaged containers (eg. noodle cups)					Sep-25	TAS 2025 TBC				
	EPS packaging (loose fill)	Jul-23	TBC (see paper)	2025	Sep-23		TAS 2025 TBC		Sep-23	2025	
OTHER FOAMED PLASTIC	EPS packaging (moulded*)			2025			TAS 2025 TBC		Jul-25	2025	
	Expanded plastic packaging (loose fill) eg. EPE, EVA, bio						TAS 2025 TBC		Sep-23		
BAGS	Expanded plastic packaging (moulded*) eg. EPE, EVA, bio						TAS 2025 TBC		Jul-25		
	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		TAS 2025 TBC		Jul-22		
	Paper bags with plastic laminate	Jan-24	TBC (see paper)				TAS 2025 TBC		Jul-22		
	Fabric bags	Jan-24					Sep-24		Jul-22		
	Non-compostable produce bags (fruit, veg & dry goods)		TBC (see paper)				Sep-24	TAS 2025 TBC	Sep-24		Jul-23
OTHER	Non-compostable barrier bags (meat & other)		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-25	TAS 2025 TBC	TBC			
	Plastics with 'degradable' additives	Jul-22	TBC (see paper)		TBC	Mar-22	TAS 2025 TBC		Sep-23	TBC	Oct-22
	Intentionally added PFAS / harmful chemicals		TBC (see paper)								
	Cotton buds with plastic shafts	Jul-22	Nov-22		Sep-23	Sep-23	TAS 2025 TBC	Feb-23	Sep-23		Oct-22
	Plastic microbeads - personal care & cleaning rinse-off	Jul-23	Nov-22	2025	Sep-23				Sep-23	voluntary code	
	Balloon releases		TBC (see paper)		Sep-23				Jul-22		
	Balloon ties or sticks		TBC (see paper)		TBC						
	Plastic confetti / table scatters					Sep-24	TAS 2025 TBC				
	Plastic bait bags				TBC						
	Cigarette butts		Date TBC (see paper)								
	Washing machine filters		Date TBC (see paper)								
Mandated packaging design standards									2025		

Already banned	Banned soon (regs finalised)	Proposed for ban / under consultation	Design standards in effect	Proposed for design standards
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KEY SOURCES

- [ACT City Services](#)
- [NSW plastics ban 2022](#)
- [Circular Economy Strategy](#)
- [Official website for business \(NRA/DES\)](#)
- [Official ban website: ReplacetheWaste SA](#)
- [New ban discussion paper](#)
- [VIC Plastics Ban](#)
- [DWER Plan for Plastics](#)
- [National Packaging Targets](#)
- [NZ Plastics Plan](#)
- [Darwin by-law](#)
- [* See government website for detailed exemptions](#)
- [Hobart by-law](#)
- [Official website for business \(NRA/DWER\)](#)
- [National Waste Policy](#)
- [National Plastics Plan](#)