


CURRENT STATUS OF PLASTIC LEGISLATION - MARCH 2024											
<div>National Retail Association</div>											
last updated: 15 March 2024	status	bans in effect	new discussion paper closed 4 feb 2024	expect ban plan soon	roadmap consultation expected soon	expect final regs soon	no update, expect ban announcement soon	no update	ban rollout underway	consultation underway, regulation of packaging expected by 2025	bans in effect
		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	AUST	NZ
GENERAL	Items in pre-packaged food/bev products	exempt	exempt until 31 Dec 2024			Sep-25		exempt till 31 Dec 2025	varied		some integrated included
	Position on certified compostable plastic	banned	banned		varied	varied		banned	varied		varied
UTENSILS	Plastic straws	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart only	Feb-23	Jul-22		Jul-23
	Plastic cutlery	Jul-21	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart only	Feb-23	Jul-22		Jul-23 incl. integrated
	Plastic stirrers	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-21	Hobart only	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 only		Jul-22		Jul-23
	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 (eg. 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		
OTHER FOOD PACKAGING	Condiment packaging / soy sauce fish		TBC (see paper)			Sep-25					
	Sauce sachets		TBC (see paper)		TBC		Hobart only				
	Produce labels		TBC (see paper)			Sep-25					Jul-23 *see details
	Bread tags / similar tags		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24					
	Polystyrene (PS) takeaway food/bev packaging										Oct-22
	PVC pre-formed food trays and containers										Oct-22
	PS and PVC food packaging (pre-packaged)										2025
	Plastic sticks for lollipops, ice-cream, foods		TBC (see paper)								
	Pizza savers		TBC (see paper)			Sep-23					
DRINKWARE	Plastic beverage containers (eg. bottles)	2018	2017	2012	2018	1977	2023	2023	2020		2025
	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 (eg clamshells)	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-22		Feb-23	Jul-22	2022	Oct-22
	EPS cups	Jul-22	Nov-22	2025	Sep-21	Mar-22		Feb-23	Sep-23	2022	
	EPS trays (eg. meat, fresh produce)	Jul-23	TBC (see paper)	2025	TBC	Sep-24			Jul-22 / Sep-23	2022	
	EPS multi-serve gelato container	currently exempt	currently exempt	2025	Sep-21	Sep-24		currently exempt	Jul-22	2022	
	EPS pre-packaged containers (eg. noodle cups)					Sep-25					
	EPS packaging (loose fill)	Jul-23	TBC (see paper)	2025	Sep-23				Sep-23	2025	
OTHER FOAMED PLASTIC	EPS packaging (moulded*)			2025					Jul-25	2025	
	Expanded plastic packaging (loose fill) eg. EPE, EVA, bio								Sep-23		
	Expanded plastic packaging (moulded*) eg. EPE, EVA, bio								Jul-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 & veg)		TBC (see paper)			Sep-24			Sep-24		Jul-23
	Produce/ barrier bags (meat & other)		TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24			Sep-24		
OTHER	Plastics with 'degradable' additives	Jul-22	TBC (see paper)		TBC	Mar-22			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		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	Sep-24					
	Plastic confetti / table scatters					Sep-24					
	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	5 year roadmap	ReplacetheWaste SA		VIC Plastics Ban	DWER Plan for Plastics	National Packaging Targets	NZ Plastics Plan
	2023 Discussion Paper	Darwin by-law	Official website for business (NRA/DES)	2024-25 ban draft regs	Hobart by-law		Official website for business (NRA/DWER)	National Waste Policy	
								National Plastics Plan	