

SINGLE-USE DEFINITIONS as of 10 June 2020



| | DEFINITION | SOURCE |
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| EU | “single-use plastic product' means a product that is made wholly or partly from plastic and that is not conceived, designed or placed on the market to accomplish, within its life span, multiple trips or rotations by being returned to the producer for refill or reused for the same purpose for which it was conceived” | Article (3) (2) the “DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment”, otherwise known as the Marine Litter Directive. Link – see page 25 |
| APCO | <p>Recommends a definition of “reuse” must be included in legislation.</p> <p>The SPGs define ‘Reusable’ as “A characteristic of packaging that has been conceived and designed to accomplish within its lifecycle a certain number of trips or uses for the same purpose for which it was conceived”</p> <p>APCO has also published guidelines for determining whether something is single-use, unnecessary or problematic. This is a decision-tree not a specific definition: “1. The packaging is partially or fully manufactured using a plastic of any kind (including bioplastics)? 2. The packaging is: • Routinely disposed of after a single use or after its contents have been used or unpackaged, and typically not refilled. • Not durable, washable, or routinely used for its original purpose multiple times before disposal. If you answered no to any of the questions above, then the packaging is not classified as single-use plastic packaging. If you answered yes to both of the questions, the packaging is classified as single-use plastic packaging.</p> | <p>Sustainable Packaging Guidelines</p> <p>Single-Use, Problematic and Unnecessary Plastic Packaging Report See page 7 for single-use decision tree</p> |
| SA | “single-use, in relation to a product, means a product designed or intended to be used once or for a limited number of times before being disposed of.” | Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Bill 2020 |
| QLD | “single-use plastic item means a plastic item, other than a plastic item that is compostable, designed to be used only once.” | Waste Reduction and Recycling (Plastic Items) Amendment Bill 2020 |
| ACT | “What are single-use plastics? Single-use or disposable plastic is commonly used for plastic packaging and includes items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. This includes plastic bags, bottles, straws, disposable coffee cups and lids, cutlery and plates and takeaway containers.” | https://www.yoursay.act.gov.au/single-use-plastics |
| | Proposed to adopt SA definition which, at that time, was: “Single-use, in relation to a plastic product, means designed or intended to be disposed of after 1 use.” | ACT SUP taskforce minutes |
| NSW | No definition in discussion paper or website. | |
| VIC | Bag ban legislation does not define “single-use”, only what a banned bag is. | |
| WA | “Single-use plastics are common as an inexpensive and convenient option for many applications. These products are generally intended to be used only once before being thrown away.” | 2019 Discussion Paper |
| TAS | No TAS definition Hobart by-law “single-use product means a product that is not conceived, designed or placed on the market to accomplish, within its life span, multiple use by being returned to the retailer for refill or re-used for the same purpose for which it was conceived.” | Hobart By-law |