

National Retail Association

CURRENT STATUS OF PLASTIC LEGISLATION - DECEMBER 2023

<div>last updated: 20 Dec 2023</div>		status	bans in effect	<div>new discussion paper live. Closes 4 feb 2024</div>	expect ban plan soon	roadmap consultation expected soon	<div>draft regs released 18 dec 2023. closes 11 feb 2024</div>	no update, expect ban announcement soon	no update	ban rollout underway	<div>consultation underway, regulation of packaging expected by 2025</div>	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 2025		exempt till 31 Dec 2025	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		Date 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		Date TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24		Hobart only		Sep-24		
	Plastic takeaway containers with lids		Date TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24		Hobart only		Sep-24		
	Plastic lined paper cartons (eg. noodle box)		Date TBC (see paper)			Sep-24		Hobart only		Sep-24		
	Plastic lid/windows/seals for food containers		Date TBC (see paper)			Sep-24				Sep-24* see details		
OTHER FOOD PACKAGING	Condiment packaging / soy sauce fish		Date TBC (see paper)			Sep-25						
	Sauce sachets		Date TBC (see paper)		TBC			Hobart only				
	Produce labels		Date TBC (see paper)			Sep-25						Jul-23 *see details
	Bread tags / similar tags		Date 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		Date TBC (see paper)									
	Pizza savers		Date TBC (see paper)			Sep-23						
DRINKWARE	Plastic beverage containers (eg. bottles)	2018	2017	2012	2018	1977		2023	2023	2020		2025
	Plastic beverage container lids		Date TBC (see paper)									
	Plastic cups for cold drinks		Date TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24		Hobart only		Oct-22		
	Plastic cups for hot drinks		Date TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24		Hobart only		Mar-24		
	Plastic cup lids		Date 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	Date 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	Date 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)											
	Heavyweight plastic shopping bags (>36 microns)	Jan-24	Date TBC (see paper)	2025	Reusable Std by Sep-23	Sep-24				Jul-22		
	Paper bags with plastic laminate	Jan-24	Date TBC (see paper)			Sep-24				Jul-22		
	Fabric bags	Jan-24				Sep-24				Jul-22		
	Produce/ barrier bags (fruit & veg)		Date TBC (see paper)			Sep-24				Sep-24		Jul-23
	Produce/ barrier bags (meat & other)		Date TBC (see paper)		TBC	Sep-24				Sep-24		
OTHER	Plastics with 'degradable' additives	Jul-22	Date TBC (see paper)		TBC	Mar-22				Sep-23	TBC	Oct-22
	Intentionally added PFAS / harmful chemicals		Date 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		Date TBC (see paper)		Sep-23					Jul-22		
	Balloon ties or sticks		Date 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
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
		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