

THE EU SINGLE USE PLASTICS DIRECTIVE

December 2020

WHAT IS IT?

EU guidance aimed at reducing marine plastic pollution, implemented in July 2021.

WHAT IS GOING TO BE BANNED?

10 single-use plastic items and fishing gear which account for 70% of marine litter in Europe:

Oxo-degradable plastics ❌

This modified plastic breaks down into small, unrecyclable, plastic flakes. Common in cold cups, cutlery, straws and carrier bags.

Expanded polystyrene or styrofoam ❌

Commonly used for cups, takeaway containers, plates and bowls.

Plastic: cutlery, plates, stirrers & straws ❌

Including plant-based and compostable plastics, as the Directive is based on how materials behave in marine environments. Compostable packaging breaks down in commercial composting conditions which are different to the sea.

IS YOUR COUNTRY MAKING EXEMPTIONS? ✅

Member states have until July 2021 to put the aims of the Directive into national law. Each country is deciding how to do this, with Italy, Portugal and Hungary so far making compostable disposables exempt from the market restrictions on plastic cutlery and straws. Check the latest local regulations in your country.

The only Vegware products which may be restricted from sale in some countries are cutlery and straws made from PLA, CPLA or ecovio. We have wooden cutlery in kits or loose, and quality paper straws, wrapped or loose. The rest of our range is fully compliant and not affected by bans.



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BEAT THE 2021 BANS

Choose EU-compliant disposables by **vegware** 



SWAP OXO-DEGRADABLE PLASTIC FOR...



Compostable
carrier bags ✓



PLA or paper
cold cups ✓



Wooden cutlery ✓



Compostable
window bags ✓



SWAP EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOR...



Bagasse takeaway
& tableware ✓



Hot drinks cups
& clutches ✓



SWAP PLASTIC CUTLERY, PLATES, STIRRERS & STRAWS FOR...



Paper straws ✓



Wooden cutlery ✓



Bagasse plates &
takeaway containers ✓



Wooden stirrers ✓