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APPROVAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIMEFRAME TO IMPLEMENT THE POLLUTION FROM PLASTICS REGULATIONS

The Department of the Environment (DOE) has received Cabinet's endorsement for the extension of the timeframe for the implementation of Regulation 33 (1) (b), (c) and (d) of the Environmental Protection (Pollution from Plastics) Regulations, 2020.

Due to preparations to address the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, and subsequent National State of Emergency to address the health crisis caused by COVID-19 in April 2020, actions to implement the permitting and licensing systems required in the legislation was disrupted. As such, a transitional extension period is required to implement the above-mentioned sections (b), (c), and (d) of the Regulations.

The new 6-month extension dates will be as follow:

Regulation 33 (1)	Activity	Old Date	New Date
(a)	Cease Importation of Prohibited Products	April 15, 2020	No change
(b)	Cease Manufacturing of Prohibited Products	July 15, 2020	January 15, 2021
(c)	Cease Sale of Prohibited Products	October 14, 2020	April 15, 2021
(d)	Possession of Prohibited Products	January 14, 2021	July 14, 2021

Kindly be advised that there has been no adjustment to the date prohibiting the importation of products listed in Schedule II of the Regulations, which is April 15, 2020, and is now passed. Therefore, the **importation of prohibited products is no longer permitted.**

Once signed, the amended Regulations will be made available and posted on DOE's website.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The list of single-use plastic products prohibited as per Schedule II of the Environmental Protection (Pollution from Plastics) Regulations, 2020, is as follows:

- Single-use styrofoam and plastic “clamshells”
- Single-use styrofoam and plastic plates, bowls, and cups and lids
- Single-use plastic forks, knives, spoons, sporks, and cutlery
- Single-use plastic carrier bags commonly referred to as shopping bags and/or T-shirt bags
- Single-use plastic drinking straws