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Single-Use Plastic Products Bill

How **businesses** should prepare for the bans

Why are we doing this?

We want Wales to be free from unnecessary single-use plastics (SUP). By banning or restricting the supply of commonly littered products we will avoid leaving a toxic plastic legacy for future generations to deal with. It will also help us respond to the climate and nature emergencies.

What SUP products are being banned?

Phase 1 includes bans on:

- Plates
- Cutlery
- Drinks stirrers
- Drinking straws
- Plastic-stemmed cotton buds
- Sticks for balloons
- Cups made of foamed polystyrene
- Takeaway food containers made of foamed polystyrene

Phase 2 includes bans on:

- Cup and takeaway food container lids made of polystyrene
- Oxo-degradable plastic products
- Carrier bags (specific sizes)

What businesses need to do?

- Use up old stock
- Speak to your suppliers now about ordering alternatives and start to educate your staff and inform your customers.
- There will be some exemptions for SUP straws for those who need them to eat and drink independently.
- If someone asks for a SUP straw, or when someone asks on their behalf, they will not need to provide proof of that need.
- Businesses must not offer SUP straws to customers, or have them on display.
- Comprehensive guidance will be published next year.

6 December 2022 — The Bill is passed by the **Senedd**

December 2022 – May 2023 — **Comprehensive guidance** developed

Summer 2023 — **Comprehensive guidance** published

Autumn 2023 — **Phase 1 bans** coming in to force

2023–2026 — **Phase 2 bans** come this Senedd term

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