

These notes refer to the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 6 June 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (SINGLE- USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS) (WALES) ACT 2023

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

2. The aim of the Act is to address the Welsh Government's concerns around the environmental impact of disposable, unnecessary and commonly littered single use-plastic products.
3. This Act has been developed following publication of the consultation paper 'Reducing single use plastics' in 2020, which included proposals to ban eight commonly littered single use plastic products and products made of oxo-degradable plastic in Wales. Further engagement work was undertaken in 2022 with stakeholders on two other single use plastic products.
4. The Act makes it an offence for a person to supply or offer to supply (including for free), ten single-use plastic products and products made of oxo-degradable plastic to a consumer in Wales and establishes a local authority led enforcement regime.
5. The Act is comprised of 23 sections and a Schedule.