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**2020 No.**

**The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020**

**PART 3**

**Single-use plastic stemmed cotton buds**

**Offence: supply of single-use plastic stemmed cotton buds to an end user**

**10.**—(1) A person who, in the course of a business, supplies or offers to supply a single-use plastic stemmed cotton bud to an end user is guilty of an offence.

(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to the exemptions in regulations 11 to 13, and to regulation 15.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine.

**Exemption: relevant devices and medical purposes**

**11.** Regulation 10(1) does not apply to the supply of a single-use plastic stemmed cotton bud—

- (a) that is a relevant device;
- (b) for use for medical purposes by or under the direction of a health professional; or
- (c) by a health professional for medical purposes.

**Exemption: forensic purposes**

**12.**—(1) Regulation 10(1) does not apply to the supply of a single-use plastic stemmed cotton bud to a forensic service provider.

(2) In this regulation, “forensic service provider” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Accreditation of Forensic Service Providers Regulations 2018(1).

**Exemption: scientific purposes**

**13.**—(1) Regulation 10(1) does not apply to the supply of a single-use plastic stemmed cotton bud for scientific purposes.

(2) In this regulation, “scientific purposes” means diagnostic, educational or research purposes.