# SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BY-LAW

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. Will all businesses be affected by the single-use plastic by-law?

The by-law only applies to businesses that provide or sell food that is sold as takeaway food for immediate consumption.

#### 2. How do I know that my products are compliant?

Ask your supplier if they can supply certification that meets the standards listed below:

A) Australian Standard AS4736-2006 (ammended 2009)

B) European Standard EN13432

C) United States of American standard D6400

A full list of compliant products is available on our website or if you need some help please contact us using the details provided overleaf.

#### 3. Can I continue to use up my old stock?

After 1 July 2021 you cannot provide single-use plastics to customers with takeaway food.

#### 4. What happens if I don't comply?

A two penalty unit is applicable and an infringement notice can be issued by a council officer. If the matter is prosecuted, a penalty of up to eight units can apply.

#### 5. Where can I find compliant packaging?

Compostable products are available by visiting:

hobartcity.com.au/compostable-products



#### 6. What type of packaging is allowed?

### Allowed

Bottled beverages (glass/plastic/metal)

Serviettes, wooden cutlery

Soft plastics such as cling wrap

Paper wrapping

Plastic pre-wrapped chocolate bars/lollies/ biscuits/chips

Plastic pre-wrapped ice creams

Wooden stirring sticks

Paper sugar/salt/pepper sachets

Cardboard cup trays / boxes

Plastic pre-wrapped fruit and vegetables

Certified compostable bioplastics (cold drink cups, bowls, cutlery, lids, sandwich wedges, noodle boxes, coffee cups, hot chip boxes)

Pizza boxes

Long-life reusable plastic containers

#### 😢 Not allowed

Plastic cutlery

Sauce sachets (e.g. tomato, soy, tartare)

Plastic takeaway food containers and lids

Takeaway plastic straws

Plastic lined noodle boxes

- Plastic lined coffee cups
- Plastic lids on takeaway cups
- Plastic sandwich wedges





The By-Law is intended to apply only to packaging where the business is able to make a choice as to the type of packaging used.

**BY-LAW APPLIES** To products made on site and sold for immediate consumption.

The business makes food and drink and packages them so the customer can take them away.

For example: A takeaway shop is making coffee and soup for its customers.



**BY-LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO:** 

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Tubs and lids

Utensils (cutlery, straws, stirrers)



### Cups and cup lids



Sachets or packets (of single serve condiments)



Soft plastics

and plastic bags

Pre-packed fruit

and vegetables

#### **Pre-packed drinks** and snacks

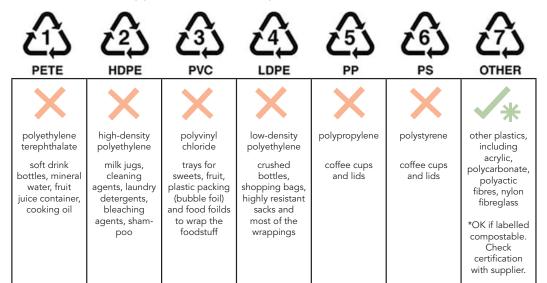


Non-food related plastics



### 7. Is my coffee cup lid compliant?

The number on the coffee cup lid must be a number 7 as shown below and certification from supplier should be compostable.



The by-law applies to single-use plastic takeaway packaging that is 1 litre or less. or the size of an A4 sheet of paper or less.

Need some help? Please review the website information at hobartcity.com.au/singleuseplastics Department on 6278 0212.

For questions relating to suitable products, please contact the City's Cleansing and Solid Waste

For questions relating to the by-law, please contact the City of Hobart's Environmental Health Department on 6238 2715.