

Prohibition of single use Plastic

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On the September 20th, 2019 **Governmental Agreement 189-2019** of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources was published on the Official Newspaper of Guatemala, prohibiting the use and distribution of single use plastic in the Republic of Guatemala.

This Agreement prohibits the use and distribution of:

- a. Single use plastic bags;
- b. Plastic straws;
- c. Plastic plates and cups, including disposable plastic stirrers and shakers; and
- d. Plastic or expanded polystyrene containers and recipients utilized for the storage and transportation of food.

The Agreement grants a 2 year period to substitute these products, counting from the entering into force of the Agreement, ending on September 21st, 2021.

The penalties applicable to the infraction of this Agreement will be the ones established in the Law for the Protection and Improvement of the Environment.

The prohibitions of the Agreement are not applicable to:

- a. Materials and consumables for medical and therapeutic purposes; and
- b. Imported products or consumables that are sealed from the factory with plastic materials or expanded polystyrene.

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