



### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>JAMAICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation 25 Dominica Drive Kingston 5 Telephone: (876) 926-1590, (876) 926-1690-3 Fax: (876) 926-4449 email: <a href="mailto:info@megjc.gov.jm">info@megjc.gov.jm</a> and <a href="mailto:tbtenquirypoint@bsj.org.jm">tbtenquirypoint@bsj.org.jm</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ ], 2.10.1 [X], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single use plastic straws made wholly or in part of polyethylene or polypropylene Tariff classification 3924 1020 10</li><li>• Single use plastic bag made wholly or in part of polyethylene or polypropylene of the following dimensions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 24" x 24" and 0.03mm thickness Tariff classification 3923 2900 10</li><li>○ 24" x 24" and 0.06mm thickness Tariff classification 3923 2900 90</li></ul></li><li>• packaging made wholly or in part of expanded polystyrene foam Tariff classification 3923 9090 10</li></ul>
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> THE TRADE (PLASTIC PACKAGING MATERIALS PROHIBITION) ORDER, 2018, (3 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Trade (Plastic Packaging Materials Prohibition) Order, 2018, issued under Jamaica's Trade Act, prohibits the import and distribution of specific types of single-use plastics in commercial quantities effective January 1, 2019. Single-use plastics include bags, expanded polystyrene foam packaging, and certain drinking straws made from specified materials. Exemptions until January 2021 include plastics imported before January 2019, those necessary for public health and food safety compliance, medical purposes, personal luggage use, and straws for persons with disabilities. The Order clarifies that single use plastic bags labelled as biodegradable, degradable, oxo-degradable, photodegradable or compostable plastics are still subject to the prohibition.

<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of the environment
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> A notice of THE TRADE (PLASTIC PACKAGING MATERIALS PROHIBITION) ORDER, 2018 appeared in The Jamaica Gazette Supplement - Proclamations, Rules and Regulations No. 146 on Monday, December 24, 2018, with mandatory status.
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 2018 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 January 2019
<b>10. Final date for comments:</b> Not Applicable
<b>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> Bureau of Standards Jamaica (BSJ) Regional & International Trade Branch 6 Winchester Road Kingston 10 +(876)-618-1534; +(876)-632-4275 <a href="mailto:tbtenquirypoint@bsj.org.jm">tbtenquirypoint@bsj.org.jm</a> <a href="http://www.bsj.org.jm">http://www.bsj.org.jm</a> <a href="https://www.nepa.gov.jm/sites/default/files/2019-11/Proc_1_Trade_Act.pdf">https://www.nepa.gov.jm/sites/default/files/2019-11/Proc_1_Trade_Act.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/JAM/24_04401_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/JAM/24_04401_00_e.pdf</a>