



Notification Number: 2010/340/UK

The Single Use Carrier Bag Charge (Wales) Regulations 2010

Date received : 07/06/2010

End of Standstill : 08/06/2010

Fiscal Measures : Yes

Message

Message 001

Communication from the Commission - SG(2010) D/51383

Directive 98/34/EC

Notificación - Oznámení - Notifikation - Notifizierung - Teavitamine - Γνωστοποίηση - Notification - Notification - Notifica - Pietiekums - Pranešimas - Bejelerentés - Notifika - Kennisgeving - Zawiadomienie - Notificação - Hlášenie-Obvestilo - Ilmoitus - Anmälan - Нотификация : 2010/0340/UK - Notificare.

No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

(MSG: 201001383.EN)

1. Structured Information Line

MSG 001 IND 2010 0340 UK EN 07-06-2010 UK NOTIF

2. Member State

UK

3. Department Responsible

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
Innovation & Enterprise Group
1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

Email: 9834@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

3. Originating Department

Waste and Local Environmental Quality Division
Department for Environment and Sustainability
Welsh Assembly Government



Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
Tel. No. (+44) 1443 845500

4. Notification Number

2010/0340/UK - B00

5. Title

The Single Use Carrier Bag Charge (Wales) Regulations 2010

6. Products Concerned

These Regulations make provision about a minimum amount which sellers of goods must charge for single use carrier bags provided to customers.

7. Notification Under Another Act

-

8. Main Content

Keywords

- carrier bags
- waste management
- retail outlets
- environmental awareness

These Regulations make provision about a minimum amount which sellers of goods must charge for single use carrier bags (including paper, plastic and starch based), which are currently handed out free in many shops. Customers will have to pay the charge at the point of sale at all retail outlets. It is intended that the charge will be introduced in March 2011.

The charge will apply to all those who sell goods in the course of trade or business to customers in Wales, both in-stores and on deliveries of goods purchased by distance selling e.g. on-line grocery deliveries. This would include food retailers such as supermarkets and grocers, as well as non-food retailers, including clothing stores, and music and entertainment stores. It would also cover goods sold from market stalls, catering vans, charity shops and takeaways etc.

Certain types of bags will be exempt from the charge. Exempt bags include those used to contain unpackaged food and certain types of medicines and appliances.

All retailers will be required to keep a record of the number of bags sold on an annual basis, gross and net proceeds, and the purposes to which the net proceeds have been put. Most retailers will also be required to publish records on the number of bags sold and the gross and net proceeds. Retailers will be able to deduct 'reasonable costs' for administering the charge.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

These Regulations are expected to lead to a substantial reduction in single use carrier bags, as well as



promoting more sustainable behaviour by reusing bags for shopping. There will be benefits to the environment in terms of reducing litter, lessening the impact on wildlife, less energy being used to create bags and in turn producing fewer green house gases.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: Climate Change Act 2008

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

-

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

Yes

15. Impact assessment

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

Catherine Day
General Secretary
European Commission

Contact point Directive 98/34
Fax: (32-2) 296 76 60
email: dir83-189-central@ec.europa.eu