

A BILL

FOR

A LAW TO PROHIBIT THE USE, MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORT, AND SALE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS IN PLATEAU STATE AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2025.

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for a law relating to the prohibition of the manufacture, use, distribution, and sale of certain single-use plastic items, authorise the sale and use of certain types of disposable plastic materials, and for related matters.

2. CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

This Bill may be cited as the A Law to Prohibit the Use, Manufacture, And Sale of Single-Use Plastics in Plateau State and For Other Related Matters, 2025. and shall come into force on the

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3. INTERPRETATION

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires,

“bio-based items” mean items made of plastic that contain materials wholly or partially of biogenic origin;

“biogenic” means produced in natural processes by living organisms but not fossilized or derived from fossil resources;

“environmentally sustainable” means a material that is made from a biological based resource and that is compostable in a facility or garden;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Maritime Affairs;

“petroleum-based material” means any material that wholly or partially consists of petroleum;

“polyethylene” means a polymer prepared by the polymerization of ethylene as the sole monomer;

“polypropylene” means a polymer prepared by the polymerization of propylene as the sole monomer;

“polystyrene” means a polymer prepared by the polymerization of styrene as the sole monomer;

“single-use plastic bag” means any bag made wholly or in part of polyethylene,

polypropylene or any other petroleum-based material;
“single-use plastic item” means

- (a) single-use plastic bags;
- (b) packaging;
- (c) drinking straws manufactured for single-use;
- (d) cups, plates, forks, knives, spoons, and stirrers;
- (e) lids, caps, stoppers, and other closures used as food service products made wholly or in part of polyethylene, polypropylene, or any other petroleum-based material.

4. APPLICATION

From the commencement of this Law, the prohibition of the manufacture, use, traffic, distribution, and sale of certain single-use plastic items in Plateau State shall be governed by the provisions of this bill.

5. Prohibition

- (1) With effect from the 1st day of January 2026, the plastic products set out in the *First Schedule to this bill* are prohibited goods within the boundaries of Plateau state.
- (2) With effect from the 1st day of January 2026, no person shall manufacture, distribute, traffic, offer for sale, sell, or use any prohibited goods set out in the *First Schedule to this bill*.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of clause 6 of this bill, with effect from the 1st day of January 2026, no person, natural or corporate, shall manufacture, distribute, traffic, sell, or offer for sale any single-use plastic bags.
- (4) Subject to clause 6 of this bill, with effect from the 1st day of January 2026, no person shall use single-use plastic bags.
- (5) Any corporate organization, institution, entity, or group of persons who contravene subsections (1), (2), or (3) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of N100, 000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Naira) only or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of N20, 000.00 (Twenty Thousand Naira) only for each day or part thereof, during which the offence continues after which a conviction was first obtained.
- (6) An individual who contravenes subclause (4) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of N5, 000.00 (Five Thousand Naira) only

Prohibition on the manufacture of single-use plastic bags.

- 6. Subject to section 6, with effect from the 1st day of January 2026, no person shall manufacture in Plateau State any single-use petroleum-based plastic bags as set out in the *Second Schedule to this bill*

Exemption for certain single-use plastic items

6. Subject to Clause 6(1)(b) and (2), a person may manufacture, distribute, offer for sale, sell, or use; any single-use plastic bag, plastic wrap, or tray made of polystyrene that is required for a purpose specified in the *Third Schedule*.

Offence of misrepresentation

7. (1) A person who makes a false or misleading claim or statement and represents that the single-use plastic items that are offered for sale by him are environmentally sustainable is guilty of an offence.

(2) A manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer who makes a false or misleading claim or statement and represents that the single-use plastic items offered for sale, manufactured, or distributed by him are environmentally sustainable is guilty of an offence.

(3) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) or (2) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of N100, 000.00 or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine of N20, 000 for each day or part thereof during which the offence continues, after which a conviction is first obtained.

Unavailability of bio-based alternatives to plastics

8. Notwithstanding any provision of this Bill, where there is no suitable material for the manufacture of bio-based items, or there are no bio-based items available for sale by a wholesaler or a retailer, the Governor may on an application made to him in writing setting out the reasons for the unavailability of such materials or items grant to the applicant permission to manufacture or transport items from petroleum-based materials or to sell by wholesale or retail such items, as the case may be.

Committee

9. (1) There is established a committee to be known as the Bio-Based Innovation Committee and in this bill called the "Single Plastic Use Committee" to be made up of at least 5 Strategic Stakeholders and domiciled in the Ministry of Environment and to be appointed by the Executive Governor of Plateau state for 4 (Four) Years and renewable for a further term of 4 (four) years and no more.

(2) The purpose of the Committee is to;

(a) Recommend, monitor, and oversee the development of plastic pollution prevention programmes in the state;

(b) Recommend, monitor, and oversee the development of bio-based innovations and promote the development of the bio-based economy in the state;
And;

(c) Make recommendations and develop proposals for public education on plastics and bio-based alternatives to plastics.

(3) The *Fifth Schedule* has effect concerning the constitution and procedure of the Committee and otherwise in relation thereto.

Schedules

10. The Executive Governor of Plateau state may, by order, amend, vary, or revoke the *Schedules hereto*.

Regulations

11. The Executive Governor of Plateau state may, after consultation with the commissioner responsible for the Environment, make submissions to the House of assembly for the amendment of the schedules to accommodate the recommendations;

- (a) for the conservation, management, and protection of the environment including the marine environment, from pollution by plastics;
- (b) for prescribing anything that is authorised or required by this Bill to be prescribed; and
- (c) generally, for giving effect to the provisions of this bill.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 4(1) and (2))
PROHIBITED GOODS

Cups
Drinking straws
Forks
Knives
Plates
Spoons
Stirrers

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Section 5)
GOODS PROHIBITED FROM TRANSPORTATION AND MANUFACTURE
Sacks and bags of polymers of ethylene and other plastics

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Sections 6(1)(b) and 7)
EXEMPTED SINGLE-USE PLASTIC ITEMS

1. Single-use plastic items used to maintain public health and in compliance with food safety standards, including the packaging used by wholesalers and retailers to distribute raw meat (fresh, chilled or frozen), raw fish (fresh, chilled, or frozen), flour, sugar, rice or baked goods.
2. Single-use plastic items used for medical purposes, inclusive of equipment and protective gear.
3. Single-use plastic items used for veterinary purposes, inclusive of equipment and protective gear.

4. Single-use plastic bags designed, packaged, and retailed specifically for the disposal of waste from households, public places, business places, offices, or industrial plants.
5. Single-use plastic bags distributed by airport authorities for health, safety, and security purposes and contained in the luggage of a person traveling into or out of Plateau State.
6. Single-use plastic bags or plastic wrap designed for storage of agricultural products, fresh fruit and vegetables, and bags containing samples used for analytical and scientific purposes.
7. Single-use plastic bags or wrap used for perishables or the preservation of food.
8. Single-use plastic bags that are transparent, low density of 25-30 microns, including bags used by vendors in the sale and distribution of produce such as fruits (e.g., nuts, grapes, plums, coconut slices, golden apple slices, mango slices, pineapple slices, watermelon slices, sugar cane, tamarinds, ackees, berries, cherries, dunks, 'fat pork,' cashews).
9. Single-use plastic bags that are transparent, low density of 60-70 microns used to package fresh, chilled, or frozen meat.
10. processed trays made of polystyrene used for packaging fresh, chilled, or frozen meat, fish or processed fruit and vegetables, whether fresh, chilled, or frozen.
11. Drinking straws to be used only by persons with disabilities.
12. Plastic bags manufactured for export.
13. Plastic straws attached to small tetra-pack boxes until 1st January 2026.
14. Coin and currency bags used by financial institutions.