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### Government Notifications

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#### THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT, No. 47 OF 1980

##### Order under Section 23W

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 23W of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980, I, Nazir Ahamad, Minister of Environment, do by this Order prohibit, with effect from October 01, 2023-

- (a) the manufacture of bottles from coloured Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) to be used for the purpose of storing water;
- (b) the use of Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) for labelling bottles; and
- (c) the use of polythene or any other non-degradable material as extra seal (shrink cap) for bottles.

For the purpose of this Order-

“non-degradable material” means any material which is not made out of wood, wool, cotton, animal waste or any other organic material that can be broken down into carbon-dioxide, methane or any other simple organic molecule with the help of micro-organisms;

“Polythene” means all forms of polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene terephthalate or any other similar raw material.

NAZIR AHAMAD,  
Minister of Environment.

Colombo,  
14th September, 2023.

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