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Single-Use Plastic Products Bill

How **businesses** should prepare for the bans



Why are we doing this?

We want Wales to be free from unnecessary single-use plastics (SUP). By banning or restricting the supply of commonly littered products we will avoid leaving a toxic plastic legacy for future generations to deal with. It will also help us respond to the climate and nature emergencies.

What SUP products are being banned?

Phase 1 includes bans on:

Plates	Plastic-stemmed cotton buds
Cutlery	Sticks for balloons
Drinks stirrers	Cups made of foamed polystyrene
Drinking straws	Takeaway food containers made of foamed polystyrene

Phase 2 includes bans on:

Cup and takeaway food container lids made of polystyrene
Oxo-degradable plastic products
Carrier bags (specific sizes)

What businesses need to do?

- Use up old stock
- Speak to your suppliers now about ordering alternatives and start to educate your staff and inform your customers.
- There will be some exemptions for SUP straws for those who need them to eat and drink independently.
- If someone asks for a SUP straw, or when someone asks on their behalf, they will not need to provide proof of that need.
- Businesses must not offer SUP straws to customers, or have them on display.
- Comprehensive guidance will be published next year.

