

Single-use plastic shopping bag ban: Facts for business

The Waste Minimisation (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulations 2018 come into force on 1 July 2019. From this date retailers will no longer be able to sell or distribute single-use plastic shopping bags.

All retailers are affected including:

- Sales directly to consumers and business to business transactions
- Online sales
- Small produce markets and retail stores through to large department stores and supermarkets
- Both profit and non profit organisations

What is banned

The regulations apply to plastic shopping bags which meet all of the following criteria.

- Made of any type of plastic less than 70 micron in thickness. This includes bio-based materials such as starch and plastics designed to be biodegradable, this includes home compostable bags.
- Have carry handles including die-cut handles
- Are new or unused

Which Bags are not covered by the ban

- Bags without handles including light-weight barrier bags (eg bags without handles used for containing meat and or products)
- Bin liners / rubbish bags
- Bags for pet waste or nappies
- Bags that form an integral part of a product's packaging (eg bread bags and pouches for meat)
- Bags that do not contain plastic including bio-sourced plastic (eg cotton, jute, paper etc)
- Long-life multi use bags made from synthetic fabric (nylon and polyester) between 45 -70 microns must be certified to be able to carry 5kg over a distance of 100m a minimum of 55 uses
- Re useable Plastic shopping bags over 70 microns. These types of shopping bags can be sold and distributed by retailers

The enforcement of this ban includes an on-line complaints procedure. The Waste Minimisation Act allows for fines up to \$100,000.

How can Dunninghams help

We stock Re-useable Plastic Shopping Bags, Paper Bags and Woven Bags (refer over page)

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| BAGSSHDN | SINGLET BAG SMALL 75um HD NATURAL 500/C W 200mm x H 400mm (including handle) x D 100mm |
| BAGSLHDN | SINGLET BAG LARGE 75um HD NATURAL 500/C W 300mm x H 450mm (including handle) x D 160mm |



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BAGPCM BAG PAPER IKON CARRY SMALL 250C
W 280mm x H 280mm (excluding handle) x D 150mm

BAGPCL BAG PAPER IKON CARRY LARGE 250C
W 350mm x H 300mm (excluding handle) x D 215mm

BAGPOWOVEN BAG POLY WOVEN STP BEIGE 50P/200C
W 300mm x H 400mm (excluding handle) x D 170mm



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