



## Customs Import Prohibition (Plastic Shopping Bags) Order 2020

No. 2020/01

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Pursuant to section 48 of the Customs Act 1966, Cabinet makes the following order-

- 1 **Title**  
This order is the Customs Import Prohibition (Plastic Shopping Bags) Order 2020.
- 2 **Commencement**  
This order comes into force on 1 March 2020.
- 3 **Interpretation**  
In this order, unless the context otherwise requires,-  
**long-life synthetic fabric multi-use shopping bag** means a bag that-
  - (a) is wholly or predominantly made of plastic that is between 45 and 70 microns in thickness; and
  - (b) either-
    - (i) is constructed of nylon, polypropylene, or polyester fabric, whether woven or non-woven, and designed to be multi-use; or
    - (ii) is certified by an entity accredited by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand, or by an entity accredited by a comparable independent accrediting entity or organisation, to be capable of carrying 5 kg over a distance of 100 m for a minimum of 55 uses

**plastic** means any plastic material that is manufactured from any source (including a bio-based source), whether or not it is designed to degrade in a particular way

**plastic shopping bag-**

- (a) means a bag that

- (i) is wholly or predominantly made of plastic that is less than 70 microns in thickness; and
- (ii) is new or unused; and
- (iii) has handles; but

(b) does not include--

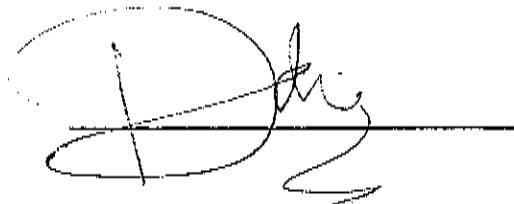
- (i) a long-life synthetic fabric multi-use shopping bag; or
- (ii) a plastic bag that is, or forms an integral part of, the packaging in which goods are sealed or contained before sale.

**4 Importation of plastic shopping bags prohibited**

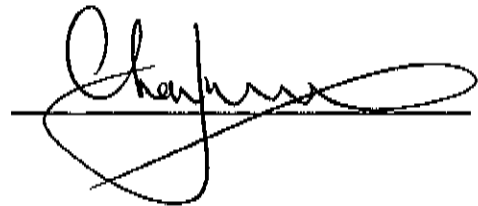
The importation of plastic shopping bags is prohibited, except with the consent of, and subject to any conditions that are not inconsistent with this prohibition, as may be imposed by the Minister of Customs.

Approved by the Cabinet of Ministers at the Cabinet Chambers, Fale Fono, Alofi, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

Signed by Hon. Toke Tufukia Talagi  
Premier



Countersigned by Charlene Funaki  
Clerk to Cabinet



This order is administered by the Department of Finance and Planning.

This order was made on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.



**Ko e Poakiaga Fakatufono ke Fakatapu (e Tau Pelesitiki Tuku Koloa Fakatau) he Faahi Kasitamu, 2020**

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**Muitua ke he Matakupu 48 he Fakatufono tohi he Faahi Kasitamu 1966, kua fakamooli he Fono Ikipule e poakiaga/fakatufono nai;-**

- 1 **Ko e Higoa**  
Ko e poakiaga fakatufono nai ne fakahigoa ko e Poakiaga Fakatufono ke Fakatapu (e Tau pelesitiki tuku koloa fakatau) he Faahi Kasitamu he 2020.
- 2 **Kamataaga Ke Fakagahua**  
To fakagahua e poakiaga fakatufono nai he aho 1 (taha) ia Mati 2020.
- 3 **Fakamaamaaga**  
Ke lata mo e poakiaga fakatufono nai, ka e to fai kehe kaeke kua fai talahauaga foki,-  
**ko e taga pelesitiki tuku koloa fakatau ne talaga ke leva e fakaaoga mai he tau koloa taute pelesitiki ti loga atu e fakaaogaaga kakano ko e taga pelesitiki ne-**
  - (a) talaga lahi ni he pelesitiki ti ko e matolu ko e 45 ke he 70 e micron.
  - (e) ti-
    - (i) kua talaga mai he filo naelone, polypropylene, po ke vahega ie polyester, kua lalaga, tia po ke nakai, ti kua pauaki talaga ke laga loga e fakaaoga; po ke
    - (ii) kua fakamailoga he Matakau Joint Accrediation System of Australia and New Zealand, po ke ha Matakau kua kotofa ke fakamailoga pihia, kua maeke ke tuku i loto 5 e kilokuleme he mamafa he tau koloa ti maeke ke tōtō ti fano ke he 100 mita he loa mo e molea e 55 e fakaaogaaga kehekehe.

pelesitiki kakano ko e ha koloa pelesitiki ne kua talaga mai he ha koloa (putoia ai e tau koloa mai he tufugatia) ne kua taute ke popo po ke malona ke he ha puhala ni

**Taga pelesitiki tuku koloa fakatau -**

- (a) kakano ko e taga kua
  - (i) talaga aki e pelesitiki ti gata mai he 70 microns e matolu; mo e
  - (ii) kua foou mo e nakaila fakaaoga; mo e
  - (iii) fai kavei po ke mena tōtō lima; ka e
- (e) nakai aofia e -
  - (i) tau taga kalaie kua talaga ke leva e fakaaoga mo tuku fakatau; po ke
  - (ii) taga pelesitiki ne kua tuku mau ai e koloa ti kua pili mau mo e fakafua ai pihia mo e koloa i loto.

**4. Kua fakatapu nakai tamai ke he motu e tau koloa taga pelesitiki tuku koloa fakatau**

Kua fakatapu po ke taofi nakai tamai ke he motu e tau taga pelesitiki tuku koloa fakatau, ka e ha ha i ai e fakaataaga mai he Ikipule he Faahi Kasitamu ka e muiua ke he falu a fakatokaaga kua nakai mamao mai mo e agaaga he poakiaga/fakatufono.

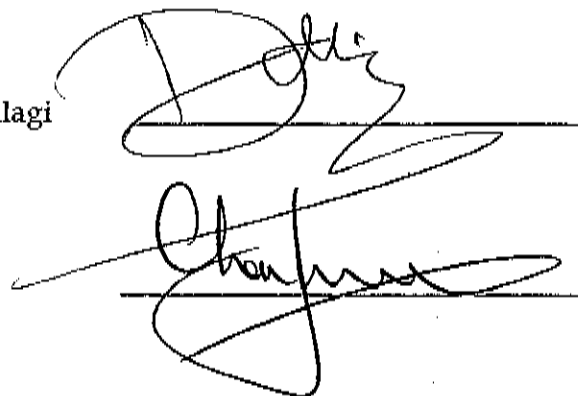
Kua fakamooli he Fono Ikipule he poko fono he tau Ikipule, Fale Fono, Alofi, he aho *4* he mahina *Fequali* 2020.

Fakamooli he Lilifu Toke Tufukia Talagi

Palemia

Fakamooli foki e Charlene Funaki

Tohi Kupu he Fono Ikipule



To fakagahua he Faahi Gahua Tanaki Tupe mo e Fakatokatoka Gahua e Poakiaga/Fakatufono nai

Fakamooli ai he aho *4* he mahina ha *Fequali* 2020.