

STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

DRAFT SINGLE-USE PLASTICS ETC. (RESTRICTIONS) (JERSEY) LAW 202- (P.61/2021): AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 7th July 2021
by the Minister for Infrastructure
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PAGE 41, ARTICLE 16 –

In Article 16(a) (citation and commencement) for “6” substitute –
| “12”.

MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

REPORT

This amendment has been lodged following receipt of additional feedback from a number of retail and wholesale industry stakeholders regarding the proposed lead-in time of six months. In summary, a six-month lead-in period is thought likely to cause logistical challenges for some businesses and a need for others to dispose of large quantities of unused bags that have already been manufactured.

While a significant number of Island businesses anticipate being able to comply with the new law by the end of January 2022, it is now apparent that some are finding it particularly challenging to work with manufacturing partners to design, prototype, manufacture, ship and ultimately stock replacement bags in time. Several businesses have had the added complexity of being unable to commence negotiations with their major brand suppliers on packaging requirements in advance of the draft Law being published.

A number of Island businesses are facing the potential need to destroy large quantities of existing bags that would not comply with the new Law. One business reports anticipating being left with in the region of 21,000 paper bags in January 2022. Another anticipates needing to destroy £3,000 of stock. More businesses are understood to be in a broadly similar position.

Extending the lead-in period to 12 months is expected to give all businesses sufficient time to adapt to the requirements of the new Law. Those that are able to introduce more sustainable packaging by an earlier date are strongly encouraged to do so.

Financial and manpower implications

No additional resources are required to support this amendment. States Members are recommended to accept this proposition.