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PERSPECTIVES ON THE CANADIAN PLASTIC BAN OF 2023

Since enactment in 2020, Foodservice industry consumers, distributors and manufacturers have anxiously awaited detailed clarity from the government of Canada about many aspects of its ban on single use plastic products. For single use plastic check-out bags, cutlery, foodservice ware, stir sticks, and straws the manufacturing and importing of these products must end on December 20, 2022. The sale of these single use plastic products may continue for an additional year. All sales of these single use plastics must end on December 20, 2023. Questions about methodologies for certifying items so that they can remain in-use, and questions about how the bans will be implemented and adjudicated abound.

Like everyone else, we at 511 Foodservice all hope that answers to these questions come soon and we have been asking every source possible for the latest word on the ban, up to and including the Minister of Environment and Climate Change himself, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault. However, as Mr. Guilbeault's reply on the back side of this sheet attests, exact instruction for critical aspects of what will constitute compliance when the plastic ban happens is limited, even at the highest levels of government.

511 Foodservice has been preparing for the changes in legislation and consumer sustainability preferences for many years, with strategic addition of hundreds of sustainable product options made throughout our product line, so much so that virtually every legacy plastic item in our line has a sustainable substitute option. From Cutlery and Cups to Stirrers and Straws and every plastic thing in-between, 511 Foodservice likely offers a functional equivalent made from natural fiber raw material. Be it birch, bamboo, or bagasse, fiber, or paper, 511 Foodservice offers you and your customers proven, cost-effective options that comply with the spirit and developing specifications of the new Canadian laws.

Please visit our website for more information about 511 Foodservice's PrimeWare® line of compostable and recyclable foodservice packaging products, www.511FoodService.com. Contact your 511 Foodservice representative for help in deciding which sustainable option is right for converting from banned plastic items.



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Dear Ms. Martin:

Thank you for your email of July 15, 2022, regarding the testing requirements under the **Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations**.

For the application and enforcement of these regulations, single-use plastic items may need to be tested and analyzed. The Regulations include specific parameters that some single-use plastic items must meet to be considered single-use. These parameters must be analyzed by accredited laboratories, as this is the standard that the Government of Canada uses to verify compliance with the **Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations**. This testing only applies to the following single-use plastics as each has specific criteria to determine whether the item is considered single-use: checkout bags, cutlery, flexible straws, and straws. For foodservice ware, testing will be used to determine whether the item contains carbon black or oxo-degradable plastic.

The Government of Canada is currently developing methods for the single-use plastic items that require testing. When completed, the methods will be made available upon request to assist regulated parties with understanding how Environment and Climate Change Canada will assess products for compliance with the regulatory requirements. These methods will not be mandatory test methods. However, regulated parties have the responsibility to ensure that their products are assessed according to the requirements of the Regulations.

In cases where a specific test method or test parameters are not set out in the Regulations, a regulated party may identify different test procedures and/or equipment and is responsible for ensuring those procedures and equipment are suitable for the specified requirements.

Further details on testing and analysis to determine the physical characteristics of single-use plastic items are available in Section D of the Technical Guidelines (www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-reducing-waste/reduce-plastic-waste/single-use-plastic-technical-guidance.html#toc16), which provide information about the requirements of the **Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations**.

I trust that this information is helpful. Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)

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