



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL MANUFACTURERS, EXPORTERS, IMPORTERS & USERS OF PLASTIC PACKAGING MATERIALS

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), is established under the Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act (EMCA) No. 8 of 1999 to exercise general supervision and coordination over all matters relating to the environment and to be the principal instrument of the Government of Kenya in the implementation of all policies relating to the environment.

The Government of Kenya (through the Cabinet Secretary - Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change) vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 197 (Legislative Supplement No. 87) and Legal Notice No. 181 dated 4th November, 2024; promulgated the Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Management and Control of Plastic Packaging Materials) Regulations 2024 was Gazetted on 4th November 2024.

Key highlights of the new Regulations include

1. The Regulations apply to All plastic Carrier bags, Flat bags and Plastic film and All plastic packaging materials on imported products
2. All manufacturers, importers, sellers or users in possession of plastic packing Materials shall, within one month of the commencement of these Regulations declare their stock of plastic packaging materials to the Authority
3. Every importer of plastic packaging materials shall declare at the port of entry in Kenya the quantities and purpose of the plastic packaging materials
4. Requirement of an Extended Producer Responsibility(EPR) Plan
5. Requirements for license processing and monitoring fees
6. Due diligence assessment report of any entity contracted to; implement EPR plan or manage a recycling collection center or collect, process and transport plastic bags, plastic film and product wrap or recycle plastic packaging material

The application can be effected through our Nema portal:www.nema.go.ke. You can download the regulations from the NEMA website www.nema.go.ke for further details on the regulations. For any enquiries contact NEMA on the indicated telephone numbers or via email on info@nema.go.ke

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