



Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Amendment Regulations 2025

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 17th day of March 2025

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 23(1)(b) of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister for the Environment made after complying with section 23 of that Act.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Amendment Regulations 2025.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 1 May 2025.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Regulations 2022.

4 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1, clause 4(1), replace “on 1 July 2025” with “at the close of 30 June 2028”.

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 May 2025, amend the Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Regulations 2022 (the **principal regulations**).

The principal regulations prohibit a person from selling plastic produce labels unless they are—

- home compostable; or
- used, or intended for use, only on fruit or vegetables that are intended for export.

The principal regulations contain a transition period for the sale of plastic produce labels (the **transition period**) during which—

- plastic produce labels may be sold if they are used, or intended for use, on imported fruit and vegetables; and
- a plastic produce label is considered home compostable if all of the plastic produce label except its adhesive is home compostable.

These regulations extend the transition period by almost 3 years so that it ends at the close of 30 June 2028 instead of on 1 July 2025.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry for the Environment.