

Joint Order No. 004 / Minepded / Mincommerce of 24 October 2012 Regulating the manufacture, import and marketing of non-biodegradable packaging.

The Minister of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development, The Minister of Trade, Considering the Constitution; Considering the law n ° 90/031 of August 10th, 1990 governing the commercial activity; Considering the law n ° 96/12 of August 5th, 1996 bearing framework law relative to the management of the environment; Considering the law n ° 98/015 of July 14, 1998 relating to the establishments classified as dangerous, unhealthy or inconvenient; Having regard to Law No. 2004/002 of 21 April 2004 governing legal metrology in Cameroon; Considering the law n ° 2004/018 of July 22nd, 2004 fixing the rules applicable to the communes; Considering the framework law n ° 2011/012 of May 6th, 2011 relating to the protection of the consumer in Cameroon; Having regard to Decree No.99 / 818 / PM of 9 November 1999 laying down the procedures for setting up and operating establishments classified as dangerous, unhealthy or inconvenient; Considering the decree n ° 2005/1928 / Pm of June 03, 2005 fixing the metrological characteristics of the products prepacked or assimilated and the modalities of their control; Having regard to Decree 2008/064 of February 4, 2008 laying down the procedures for managing the National Environment and Sustainable Development Fund; Having regard to Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011 on the organization of the Government; Having regard to Decree No. 2011/408 of 09 December 2011 appointing a Prime Minister, Head of Government; Having regard to Decree No. 2011/410 of 9 December 2011 on the formation of the Government; Having regard to decree n02012 / 2809 / Pm of 26 September 2012 laying down the conditions for sorting, collecting, storing, transporting, recovering, recycling, treating and finally disposing of waste, STOP:

CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS Article 1. This Joint Order regulates the manufacture, import and marketing of non-biodegradable packaging; Article 2.- For the purposes of this Order, the following definitions are allowed:

Degradable: state of a material or a product likely to undergo a modification of its properties of origin, due to the chemical rupture of the macromolecules forming this product whatever the mechanism of rupture of the chain.

Non-biodegradable: The state of a material or product that cannot be decomposed by the action of fungi and micro-organisms in the medium.

Plastic: Synthetic material consisting essentially of macromolecules that can be molded or molded generally under hot and pressure conditions.

Granulate: Polymer grains used for the manufacture of non-biodegradable plastics. Glass: Hard, brittle and translucent vitreous material of alkali silicates and stabilizers.

Packaging: any object whatever the nature of the materials of which it is constituted, intended to contain and to protect the goods, to allow their handling and their routing from the producer to the consumer.

Metal: Conductive body of electricity and heat, generally malleable, ductile and reflecting light.

Article 3.- (1) Any manufacturer, importer or distributor of authorized non-biodegradable packaging shall be responsible for the management of its waste. (2) It provides for measures to limit production

and promote recycling, reuse and other forms of recovery of waste from such packaging. Article 4.- (1) The manufacture, import and marketing or distribution of non-biodegradable packaging shall be subject to obtaining a prior environmental permit to ensure the traceability of its recovery, recycling and / or destruction in an environmentally sound manner. (2) The environmental permit referred to in paragraph 1 above shall be issued by the Minister of the Environment. Article 5.- (1) Any manufacturer importing or distributing non-biodegradable packaging shall draw up and implement a waste management plan and the related monitoring mechanism. (2) The non-biodegradable packaging waste management plan takes into account the guidelines of the National Strategy for Waste Management. It defines in particular: - the areas where applicants for environmental permits or their partners are required to ensure the sorting, collection, transport, final disposal or recovery of non-biodegradable packaging waste; - the circuits, frequency, schedules and methods and methods of collecting their waste. (3) The manufacturer, importer or distributor of non-biodegradable packaging shall provide a quarterly report on the implementation of its non-biodegradable packaging waste management plan to the administration in charge of the environment. Article 6.- Any manufacturer, importer or distributor of non-biodegradable packaging shall set up a deposit system to facilitate the recovery of said packaging for recycling, recovery or final disposal.

CHAPTER II: MANUFACTURING, IMPORT AND MARKETING OF NON-BIODEGRADABLE PACKAGING

SECTION I: PLASTIC PACKAGING Article 7.- (1) The manufacture, import, possession and free sale or distribution of non-biodegradable plastic packaging at low density not exceeding 60 microns shall be prohibited. thickness (1 micron is 1/1000 mm) and the granules used for their manufacture. (2) The production, import, holding and marketing of non-biodegradable plastic packaging of more than 60 microns and the granules used in their manufacture are subject to the obtaining of an environmental permit referred to in Article 4 hereof. -above. Article 8.- (1) Information on the thickness, formulation, biodegradability or otherwise, the name and precise address of the manufacturer appear on plastic packaging manufactured or imported in accordance with the regulations in force. (2) The indications referred to in paragraph 1 above are clearly visible and easily legible to facilitate identification and classification. Article 9.-It is strictly forbidden to burn plastics in the open, to throw them in the nature or to proceed to their burial.

SECTION II: GLASS OR METAL PACKAGING Article 10.- (1) Every manufacturer, importer or distributor of glass or metal packaging shall set up a system for the recovery, recovery, collection, reuse and reclamation of this packaging waste under rational ecological conditions. (2) The system referred to in paragraph 1 above is approved by decision of the Minister in charge of the environment. Article 11.- Any manufacturer, importer or distributor of products marketed or distributed in glass or metal packaging shall set up a system for the recovery, collection, reuse and reclamation of such packaging waste in environmentally sound conditions. . (2) Any manufacturer or importer of products marketed or distributed in glass or metal packaging shall revalue or recycle not less than 80% of the quantities manufactured or imported in accordance with the regulations in force.

CHAPTER III: MISCELLANEOUS, TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS Article 12.- (1) Every manufacturer, importer or distributor of non-biodegradable packaging shall have, from the date of signature, a period of eighteen (18) to comply with provisions of this Order. (2) After the period mentioned in paragraph 1 above, the competent administrations shall inspect, seize and destroy the non-biodegradable packaging at the expense of the promoter. Article 13.- The administrations in charge

of the environment and the trade are charged, each as far as it is concerned, with the application of this decree. Article 14.- This decree will be registered, published according to the procedure of urgency, then inserted in the official journal in French and in English. / -

THE MINISTER OF TRADE, MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURE PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.