

LAW N ° 2014-024 / OF 03 JULY 2014 BEARING

PROHIBITION OF PRODUCTION, IMPORT AND MARKETING of NON-BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAGS
BIODEGRADABLE IN THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

The National Assembly deliberated and adopted in its session of June 12, 2014. The President of the Republic promulgates the law whose content follows:

CHAPTER I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1: This law prohibits, from the 1st January 2014, the production, import and marketing of non-biodegradable plastic bags in the Republic of Mali.

ARTICLE 2: For the purposes of this Law, the following terms mean:

1. Plastic bag: large or small bag based of synthetic material (polyethylene), serving as a container for foodstuffs or any other product;
2. Biodegradable plastic bag: Any plastic bag likely to break down within 18 months, under the action of microorganisms present in nature.

CHAPTER II: PROSECUTION AND SANCTIONS

ARTICLE 3: Infringements of the provisions of the present law are monitored/checked for, ascertained and prosecuted in accordance with the laws in force in particular the law n ° 01-020 of 30 May 2001 on pollution and nuisances and the Customs Code.

ARTICLE 4: Will be punished with a fine of 20,000 to 120,000 francs, and a prison sentence of 11 days to 3 months or one of those two sentences, anyone who obstructs the exercise of the functions of the verbalisers without prejudice to the other provisions in force. In case of recidivism, the fine and the penalty will be double.

ARTICLE 5: Anyone who produces, imports or markets non-biodegradable plastic bags is liable for the payment of 100 francs per bag of small format and 200 francs per large format bag. In addition, these plastic bags are seized and confiscated.

CHAPTER III: FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 6: A decree issued by the Council of Ministers fixes the procedures for the application of this Act.

ARTICLE 7: This law repeals the Law n ° 2012-003 of 23 January 2012 prohibiting the production, importing, holding, marketing and the use of non-biodegradable plastic bags and non-biodegradable granules for manufacturing said pouches in the Republic of Mali.

Bamako, July 03, 2014

The president of the Republic,

Ibrahim Boubacar KEITA