

# Recommendations to reduce production, export, import and the use of single-use plastics, taking into account their application and the availability of safe alternatives

The BFFP<sup>(2,3)</sup>'s Single Use Waiver Report<sup>1</sup> identifies the key elements of Directive (EU) 2019/904 and makes recommendations to public decision makers to ensure effective, ambitious and targeted implementation of measures to implement Directive (EU) 2019/904.

For Ukraine, where a bill is being drafted to implement Directive (EU) 2019/904 and gradually restrict the circulation of single-use plastic products, the following **recommendations for public authorities** to reduce the production, export, import and use of single-use plastic products and switch to safer alternatives are important:

1. Provide absolute enforcement of prohibitions for:

- disposable plastic straws, cutlery, plates, stirrers, food containers, polystyrene foam beverage cups and balloons;
- of oxo-degradable plastic products;
- continuously expand the list of single-use plastic products, the production and use of which should be completely banned.

2. Introduce measures to ban single-use plastic products (use safe reusable alternatives).

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1 [https://zwsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/moving\\_away\\_from\\_single-use\\_print.pdf](https://zwsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/moving_away_from_single-use_print.pdf)

2 BFFP - #BreakFreeFromPlastic, a global movement dreaming of a future free plastic pollution, is demanding a significant reduction in single-use plastic and pushing for the creation of long-term solutions to the plastic pollution crisis.

3 <https://www.breakfreefromplastic.org>

3. Formulate comprehensive quantitative targets for safe alternatives to plastic to achieve reductions in plastic use:

- Reduce consumption by at least 50% by 2025 and at least 80% by 2030 for food containers and cups (implement market restrictions individual sectors if necessary);
- Reduce consumption by at least 50% by 2025 and at least 80% by 2030 for other products (bags, wrappers, napkins);
- Promote the use of reusable alternatives to plastic to reduce reliance on plastic and prevent easy switching to other single-use products.

4. As soon as possible (timeframe to be determined) establish extended producer responsibility schemes, which are stipulated by the Law of Ukraine "On Waste Management" (as amended on 29.06.2024<sup>(4)</sup>, are mandatory for all and provide for eco-modulation<sup>5</sup> of payments that will cover the full cost of collection, sorting and waste management of such products, as well as educational activities.

5. Establish minimum targets for products for recycling (at least 50% for bottles and at least 30% for other products).

6. Introduce a deposit-return tare system or increase the capacity of existing collection systems, such as a return (deposit) tare system, to accomplish the following tasks:  
achieve 90% separate bottle collection as soon as possible;  
Include other products in these systems, including beverage cans and glass bottles; also allow for the use of these systems for both single-use and reusable bottles.

7. Provide for full compliance with labeling requirements, ensuring clear and visible markings; their application to other elements, in particular the presence of substances of particular concern.

8. Introduce awareness-raising measures focused on reducing consumption and disseminating available alternatives for multiple use.

9. Ensure that data is carefully collected and monitored evaluate and/or adjust performance measures.

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4 <https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2320-20#Text>

5 The principle of ecomodulation of payments is that the cost of neutralizing their environmental impact is included in the price of certain products with a limited lifespan; this additional payment is directed to the fund of non-profit organizations that will collect and recycle such products.

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