

SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAN UK WHAT PRODUCTS CAN YOU USE?



BioPak supports single-use plastic bans and offers sustainable approved alternatives for all banned items. Alternatives include FSC™ wood and paper products, plant-based packaging and home compostable Aqueous lined products.





The following information reflects all bans regulated as of August 2023. More detail available at www.biopak.com/uk/single-use-plastic-bans

*Exemptions in each region allow the supply and use of some banned single-use plastic items for specific circumstances.

* Please ensure compliance with the bans by using only certified compostable items (Home Standard NF T51-800 or Industrial Standard EN13432) in regions where they are accepted as the only alternative to banned plastic items.



✗ Already Banned
 ✔ Banned Soon, Date Listed (Regulation Passed)
 ✔ Proposed for Ban (Regulation Not Passed, Items Banned TBC)
 ✔ Not Banned

Banned Items	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
 CUTLERY	Plastic or Plastic Lined Cutlery	✔ Banned from Oct 2023	✔ Banned from Oct 2023	✗
	Bioplastic (PLA) or Bioplastic/Aqueous Lined Cutlery	✔ Banned from Oct 2023	✔ Banned from Oct 2023	✗
	Wooden Cutlery Unlined (Natural Wax Coating is accepted)	✔	✔	✔
	Sugarcane Pulp Cutlery Un-Lined	✔	✔	✔
 STRAWS	Plastic or Plastic Lined straw	✗	✔ Banned from Oct 2023	✗
	Bioplastic or Bioplastic/Aqueous Lined Straws	✗	✔ Banned from Oct 2023	✗
	Paper, Bamboo, Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined Straws	✔	✔	✔
 CUPS	Expanded Polystyrene	✔ Banned from Oct 2023	✔ Banned from Oct 2023	✗
	Plastic	✔	✔	✔ Turtle logo required
	Bioplastic (PLA)	✔	✔	✔ Turtle logo required
	Paper Lined with Plastic	✔	✔	✔ Turtle logo required
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous	✔	✔	✔ Turtle logo required
 CUP LIDS	Polystyrene	✔ No restrictions unless used with a polystyrene cup	✔ Ban due 2026	✔ Expanded polystyrene lids only banned
	Plastic	✔	✔	✔
	Bioplastic (PLA)	✔	✔	✔
	Paper Lined with Plastic	✔	✔	✔
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous	✔	✔	✔
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined	✔	✔	✔

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 BOWLS	Plastic	Restricted by Use See exemptions			
	Bioplastic (PLA)	Restricted by Use See exemptions			
	Paper Lined with Plastic	Restricted by Use See exemptions			
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous	Restricted by Use See exemptions			
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined				
 CONTAINERS	Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) With Or Without A Lid	Banned from Oct 2023 Unless food is not for immediate consumption/requires further preparation	Banned from Oct 2023	Banned Unless food is not for immediate consumption/requires further preparation	Banned Unless food is not for immediate consumption/requires further preparation
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	Bioplastic (PLA)	Restricted by Use See exemptions			
	Paper Lined with Plastic	Restricted by Use See exemptions			
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous	Restricted by Use See exemptions			
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined				
 BOWL & CONTAINER LIDS	Polystyrene Lids		Ban due 2026		
	Plastic (Including Plastic Window)				
	Bioplastic (PLA) (Including PLA Window)				
	Paper Lined with Plastic				
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous				
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined				
 PLATES	Plastic	Restricted by Use See exemptions	Banned from Oct 2023		
	Paper Lined with Plastic	Restricted by Use See exemptions	Banned from Oct 2023		
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined				
 TRAYS	EPS trays	Banned from Oct 2023			
	Paper lined with Plastic	Restricted by Use See exemptions			
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-lined				

You can still supply single-use plastic plates, bowls and trays if either of the following apply:

- You are supplying them to another business
- The items are packaging (pre-filled or filled at the point of sale)

Some examples of packaging are:

- Takeaway
- Delivered food
- Bowls filled at the point of sale
- Food sold in retail

Sectors that are not exempt include, but are not limited to:

- Office canteens where food is consumed on site
- Retailers who sell these items to consumers eg a pack of plastic plates sold for a family picnic

the above are guidelines and may vary depending on your specific use case. The full details can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/single-use-plastics-ban-plates-bowls-trays-containers-cutlery-and-balloon-sticks>

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