

Preventing Plastic and Single-Use Waste in B.C.

Written Response Questions

Industry and Organizations

All written feedback received during the comment period will be considered in the development of the potential regulations and next steps.

Please consider the numbered questions to guide your response.

Feedback for each comment should include:

- The question being addressed, or section of the intentions paper to which the comment relates;
- The comment itself; and
- Any supporting information or rationale.

Written submissions should be no longer than five pages and be submitted in Word or PDF to plastics@gov.bc.ca.

Questions:

1. Checkout bags

- a. How will the proposed provincewide ban on plastic checkout bags, and fees on paper and new reusable checkout bags, affect your business or the businesses/organization you represent?
- b. Do you support the intentions paper's definition of reusable bag? Why or why not?
- c. Are you aware of any checkout bag exemptions that should or should not be included?

2. Foodservice accessories

- a. How will foodservice accessories being by-request-only affect your business or the businesses/organization that you represent?
- b. Under the proposed regulation, self-service stations would be permitted as they meet the 'by-request' requirement. Are self-service stations important and/or helpful to your business or the businesses/organization you represent?
- c. Are there any disposable foodservice accessories that should or should not be exempt from the regulation?

3. Problematic plastic food packaging

- a. Do you support a provincewide ban on containers and certain food packaging made from problematic plastics (i.e., polystyrene foam, PVC, compostable plastics) and on all oxo-degradable packaging? Why or why not?

- b. The proposed provincewide regulation includes takeout containers, polystyrene foam or PVC meat and deli trays, and other containers used to package food in the province. Do you have any concerns regarding the range of items that would be regulated?
 - c. Food packaging made from compostable plastics will also be banned under the proposed provincewide regulation. How would restrictions on compostable plastic food packaging affect your business or the businesses/organization you represent?
 - d. Would your business or the businesses/organization you represent be interested in joining or starting a reuse program to reduce waste from containers and other single-use items? Why or why not?
4. Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation.
- a. The intentions paper identifies further opportunities for municipalities to be empowered to regulate single-use and plastic items under the [Spheres of Concurrent Jurisdiction – Environment and Wildlife Regulation](#). How would this affect your business or the businesses you represent?
5. Future actions
- a. Where does your business or the business/organization you represent see a need for further action on single-use and plastic waste?
 - b. What information or guidance would be helpful for your business or the business/organization you represent to transition away from banned and restricted single-use items and packaging?
 - c. What actions are needed to promote reuse/refill and/or recycled content to replace single-use items and address single-use and plastic waste?
6. Compliance and measuring success
- a. What factors should be considered when developing reporting requirements for businesses to measure progress?