



## **Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2025**

Cindy Kiro, Governor-General

### **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 10th day of November 2025

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under section 23(1)(b) of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister for the Environment made after complying with section 23 of that Act.

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### **Regulations**

#### **1 Title**

These regulations are the Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2025.

## 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 11 December 2025.

## 3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Regulations 2022.

### 4 Regulation 6 amended (Person must not sell certain other products that contain plastic)

(1) Replace regulation 6(a) with:

(a) plastic drinking straws that are single-use, unless—

- (i) the plastic drinking straw is used, or intended for use, only as an integrated plastic drinking straw intended for export; or
- (ii) regulation 7 applies:

(2) In regulation 6, insert as subclause (2):

(2) In this regulation, **integrated plastic drinking straw** means a plastic drinking straw that forms an integral part of the packaging in which goods are sealed before sale.

Rachel Hayward,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 11 December 2025, amend the Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Regulations 2022 (the **principal regulations**).

The principal regulations prohibit a person from selling plastic drinking straws that are single-use, unless the straws are intended to be used by a person who has a health condition or disability that requires them to use a plastic drinking straw to help them drink.

These regulations add another exemption from the prohibition of plastic drinking straws that are single-use, by allowing the sale of such straws if they are (or are intended to be) used as integrated straws that form part of the packaging of products intended for export.

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