

Single-Use Plastic Products Bill



Access to single-use plastic straws for disabled people

Why are we doing this?

We want Wales to be free from unnecessary single-use plastics (SUP). By banning or restricting the supply of commonly littered products we will avoid leaving a toxic plastic legacy for future generations to deal with. It will also help us respond to the climate and nature emergencies.

What SUP products are being banned?

Phase 1 **Plates** Plastic-stemmed cotton buds

includes bans on: Sticks for balloons Cutlerv

> Drinks stirrers Cups made of foamed polystyrene

Drinking straws Takeaway food containers made of foamed polystyrene

Phase 2 Cup and takeaway food container lids made of polystyrene

Oxo-degradable plastic products includes bans on:

Carrier bags (specific sizes)

SUP straws for disabled people

- If you need a SUP straw at premises providing food and drink, you can ask for one, or someone can ask on your behalf. You won't have to prove that you need it.
- If you need to buy a packet of SUP straws, you can buy them at a registered pharmacy (including online). You won't have to prove that you need it.
- If you are admitted to a health or social care setting, such as a hospital or a care home, and you need a SUP straw, you can ask for one. You won't have to prove that you need it.
- Comprehensive guidance will be published next year.

