

“Passing of Law 8/2019, of February, 19th, of Waste and Contaminated Soils”

/ Mallorca

Description of the good practice

Reducing the amount of waste generated at source is regarded as the highest priority according to the Waste Hierarchy established in the Waste Framework Directive. Waste prevention is closely linked with improving manufacturing methods and influencing consumers to demand greener products and less packaging. Law 8/2019, of February, 19th, of Waste and Contaminated Soils of the Balearic Islands has a deep impact on prevention of waste prohibiting a wide range of one-use-only products. Therefore, from January, 1st 2021 on the Balearic Islands the following restrictions will emerge:

- Commercial establishments will not be able to distribute one-use-only plastic bags, only composting ones.
- Use, distribution and selling of one-use-only plastic plates, glasses and cutlery will be forbidden except composting ones.
- Use of single-dose food products and one-use-only tools at HORECA sector for the consumption of food or drink at the same place will be forbidden except cellulose ones.
- Plastic straws, lollypop sticks and cotton swabs will only be able to be commercialized and distributed if they are made of compostable products. One-use-only coffee, herbal teas and beverages capsules, sold at the Balearic Islands must be made of compostable materials or (organically or mechanically) easily recyclable.
- Distribution and selling of products containing microplastics and nanoplastics; non-re-

usable and non-rechargeable toners and cartridges for printers and photocopiers and models of lighters which cannot guarantee at least 3.000 effective lights will be forbidden.

- Distribution of beverages in one-use-only packages will not be allowed in buildings hosting Public Service.
- On public events, including sportive ones, supported by Public Sector, alternatives to the selling and distribution of one-use-only beverages and one-use-only glasses must be implemented and access to non-packaged water supply or in reusable bottles must be guaranteed.
- HORECA sector establishments must offer free non-packaged water supply.
- On January, 1st 2025, distribution and selling of non-rechargeable shaving razors will be forbidden. Rechargeable ones will also have to be made of recyclable materials.

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Results

The compliance of these restrictions is supposed to contribute to reduce the generation of waste at the Balearic Islands and to mitigate the appearance of some waste categories detected on our beaches throughout the marine litter surveys already conducted at the BLUEISLANDS MED project.

Type of waste

Minimisation of all types of waste.

Location

Balearic Islands.

Further information

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