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BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS

This is to notify the General Public that the ban issued by Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources on the use, manufacture and importation of all plastic bags with effect from 28th August 2017, is in force.

The ban applies to:

- a) Carrier bags with handles and with or without gussets.
- b) Flat bags without handles and with or without gussets.

For greater certainty, the ban does not apply to flat bags used for industrial packaging as long as they are used for industrial primary packaging at source of the product and are not available at the counter or given freely outside the industrial setting. Furthermore, the bags must be labelled clearly by the industry manufacturing the product.

All those affected by the ban are required to put in place measures to ensure compliance.

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) calls upon the public to support the ban.

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