



National Environment Management Authority

THE BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS IN KENYA

RENEWAL OF CLEARANCES FOR PLASTICS PRIMARY INDUSTRIAL PACKAGING

On the 28th of February 2017, the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources through a Gazette Notice No. 2334 banned the Manufacture, Importation and Use of Plastic Bags used for both Commercial and Household Packaging. The Ban took effect on the 28th August 2017. The Ban applies to:-

- i. Carrier bags constructed with handles and with or without gussets*
- ii. Flat bags constructed without handles and with or without gussets*

Since the Ban came into force, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has been issuing clearances for plastic (flat) bags used for primary industrial packaging. The clearances were issued for a period of twelve (12) months and are now expiring. The Authority wishes to inform all applicants (Manufacturers, Importers and Users) of plastic flat bags used for Primary Industrial Packaging, whose previous clearances have expired, to visit our website www.nema.go.ke and download the Renewal Application Form, fill it and drop it at NEMA (HQs) or in any of the NEMA County Offices.

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) is still committed to enhancing compliance to the Ban on Plastic Bags for a cleaner and healthier environment.

For further clarifications, please contact:

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