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**Government Notifications**

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**THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT, No. 47 OF 1980**

**Order Under Section 23 W (1)(a)**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 23W(1)(a) of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980, I, Mahinda Amaraweera, Minister of Environment, do by this Order, with effect from March 31st, 2021, prohibit the use of-

- (a) Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) material for packing agrochemicals used for any process, trade or industry; and
- (b) any plastic item specified herein for any process, trade or industry:-
  - (i) Sachets having less than or equal to a net volume of 20ml/ net weight of 20g (except for packing food and medicines).
  - (ii) Inflatable toys (except balloons, balls, water floating/pool toys and water sports gear).
  - (iii) Cotton buds with plastic stems (except plastic cotton buds used for medical/clinical treatment).



For the purposes of this Order-

“agrochemicals” means all chemicals used in Agriculture including Pesticide, growth regulators, liquid fertilizer;

“plastic item” means a product manufactured using polyethylene terephthalate, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, polypropylene, polystyrene, biodegradable plastic or any other similar raw material or any mixture thereof;

“process” includes manufacturing; and

“trade” includes sale and offer for sale.

MAHINDA AMARAWEEERA,  
Minister of Environment,

Colombo.  
19th January, 2021.

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