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**1. Short title**

This Order may be cited as the External Trade (Shopping Plastic Bags Prohibition) Order, 2017

**2. Interpretation**

“shopping plastic bag” mean plastic bags that are polyethylene or petroleum-based used as shopping bags. These are sometimes called single-use bags for carrying items from a store to a home.

**3. Prohibition of importation, distribution, sale and use of shopping plastic bags**

The importation, distribution, sale and use of shopping plastic bags is prohibited absolutely after the 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

**4. Exemptions**

1. The types of plastic bags described in the Schedule is exempted from prohibition.
2. The Minister may designate as exempted any other shopping plastic bag from the prohibition.

**5. Repeal**

The External Trade (Import Prohibition) Order, 2016, S.I. No 16 of 2016 is hereby repealed.

**SCHEDULE**

The following types of shopping plastic bags provided to consumers at the point of sale used for transporting, packaging, and carrying goods shall not be subjected to the prohibition--

- (a) plastic bread wrapping;
- (b) plastic bags, plastic wrap and plastic sheets used solely to contain or wrap—
  - (i) fresh meat and fresh meat products
  - (ii) fresh fish and fresh fish products; and
  - (iii) fresh poultry and fresh poultry products, whether repackaged or not;
- (c) plastic bags used as primary packaging solely used to package –
  - (i) fruits or nuts;
  - (ii) confectionary products;
  - (iii) dairy products;
  - (iv) cooked food whether hot or cold;
  - (v) liquid or frozen products;
  - (vi) seeds;
  - (vii) small hardware items;
  - (viii) medicinal products; and
  - (ix) veterinary products;
- (d) polythene tubes for seedlings;
- (e) laundry dry cleaning bags; and
- (f) plastic bags use in waste storage and disposal such as bin liners and refuse.

Made the 28<sup>th</sup> day of .November, 2017.

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**Hon. E. Paul Chet Greene,**  
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Commerce & Industry, Sports,  
Culture and National Festivals*