



**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE LAW
ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PACKAGING AND PACKAGING WASTE NO. IX-517
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA AND SUPPLEMENTING THE LAW
WITH ARTICLE 8³**

No. XIV-2951 of 18 July 2024
Vilnius

Article 1 Amendment to Article 2

1. To add paragraph 7¹ to Article 2:

‘7¹. **Mass event** – as defined in the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Control of Alcohol.’

2. To add paragraph 29¹ to Article 2:

‘29¹. **Catering location** — as defined in the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on the Control of Alcohol.’

Article 2 Supplementation of the Law with Article 83

To add Article 8³ to the Law as follows:

‘Article 8³. Requirements for the reduction of the use of single-use plastics

1. Natural persons and legal entities providing catering services, except for those referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article, shall be prohibited from distributing the single-use plastics referred to in points 1 and 4 of Annex 1¹ to this Law free of charge to consumers when they are filled at the point of sale with foodstuffs or beverages in catering locations.

2. In catering locations (indoor or outdoor service areas (zones) within 40 metres of catering locations), reusable or plastic-free packaging or tableware shall be provided as an alternative to the single-use plastics referred to in paragraph 1. The provision of reusable alternative products is not mandatory in accordance with the requirements of the Law on Services of the Republic of Lithuania for service providers of other Member States temporarily providing services in the Republic of Lithuania.

3. Natural persons and legal entities providing catering services shall, when making it possible to fill food or beverages in the packaging brought by the consumer in catering locations, provide the consumer with information on the conditions under which food or beverages may be purchased in the packaging brought by the consumer, to ensure the safety and hygiene

requirements laid down in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs and in Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2003 on raw materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and repealing Directives 85/338/EEC and 89/109/EEC.

4. Natural persons and legal entities providing catering services shall be prohibited from distributing and/or selling single-use plastics as referred to in points 1 and 4 of Annex 1¹ to this Law free of charge to consumers at mass events and catering facilities on beaches, which are filled with foodstuffs or beverages as part of the catering service. The prohibition shall not apply when natural and legal persons providing catering services, when filling disposable plastic articles referred to in points 1 and 4 of Annex 1¹ to this Law with food or drink, pay a deposit for them, which shall comply with the requirement laid down in Article 11(10) of this Law.'

Article 3. Entry into force of the law

This Law shall enter into force on 1 May 2025.

I hereby promulgate this Law passed by the Seimas (Lithuanian Parliament) of the Republic of Lithuania.

President of the Republic

Gitanas Nausėda