

**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 of 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 and legal persons providing catering services, except for those referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article, shall be prohibited from distributing free of charge to consumers the single-use plastics referred to in points 1 and 4 of Annex 1¹ to this Law when they are filled at the time of their 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 price to the consumer of the reusable alternative products made available shall not be higher than the price of a single-use plastics referred to in points 1 and 4 of Annex 1¹ to this Law. 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 and legal persons 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 852/2004](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs and in Regulation [\(EC\) No 1935/2004](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2004 on raw materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and repealing Directives [80/590/EEC](#) and [89/109/EEC](#).

4. Natural and legal persons providing catering services shall be prohibited from distributing and/or selling, free of charge, to consumers at mass events and at catering facilities on beaches, single-use plastics as referred to in points 1 and 4 of Annex 1¹ to this Law, which are filled with foodstuffs or beverages in the course of catering services. 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 November 2024.

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

President of the Republic

Submitted by

Members of the Parliament