



Ministry for the Environment and Energy Security

Proposal for a technical regulation defining the reusability requirements for plastic products intended to come into contact with the foodstuffs referred to in Part B of the Annex to Legislative Decree No 196 of 8 November 2021

Article 1

Provisions on plates and other reusable plastic products intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

1. *In the context of the implementation of Directive (EU) 2019/904 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment, plastic plates, cutlery, straws and beverage stirrers shall be considered reusable and capable of ensuring effective multiple uses for the same purposes for which they were designed, and shall be marketable as such, provided that they meet the following technical characteristics:*

- a) *plastic plates:*
 - i. *plates with a diameter of less than 19 centimetres and a weight exceeding 45 grams;*
 - ii. *plates with a diameter of between 19 and 24 centimetres and a weight exceeding 80 grams;*
 - iii. *plates with a diameter exceeding 24 centimetres and a weight exceeding 110 grams;*
- b) *plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks) with a weight/length ratio exceeding 0.5 grams per centimetre;*
- c) *plastic food-grade straws with a weight/length ratio exceeding 0.5 grams per centimetre, except if they fall within the scope of Council Directive 90/385/EEC or Council Directive 93/42/EEC;*
- d) *plastic beverage stirrers with a weight/length ratio exceeding 0.5 grams per centimetre.*

2. *The provisions of this Article shall apply from the 180th day following the date of its entry into force.*