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## BASIC FACT

Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency  
Ban on (Manufacturing, Import, Sale,  
Purchase and Usage) Polythene Bags Regulations, 2019



The Islamabad Capital Territory's Ban On  
Plastic Bags Begins **AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

### This Ban Will Affect

All Retailers, Manufacturers, Traders and Commercial Users of Plastic Bags including Grocery Stores, Restaurants, Pharmacies, Hospitals, Shopping Malls, Hardware Stores & Every Retail Store that provides plastic bags to customers at point of sale.

### The Purpose of this Ban

is to reduce trash, remove hard-to-recycle bags from our solid waste system and to protect the environment.

### About The Ban

#### Which Bags Are Banned?

The following plastic bags will be banned under the new regulation of Environmental Protection Act '97:

- All kind of Polythene bags with or without handles
- Oxo-biodegradable plastic bags

#### Which Bags are Allowed?

Subject to authorisation by PAK-EPA, flat bags for the following purposes are allowed:

- Industrial packing
- Primary industrial packing
- Municipal waste
- Hospital waste
- Hazardous waste

For more details, please refer to Schedules I-III of the Regulations.



#### DID YOU KNOW?

55 billion plastic bags are used in Pakistan per year

