

sale and use of the plastic bags carrier.

- Development of TBS standards that guided the manufacturing quality of the plastics bags that have not been banned and used in special activities
- A lot of investor have now invested in the manufacturing of non-woven bags so as to replace the use of banned plastic carrier bags.
- Sellers and importers have been submitting the banned plastic bags and have started selling the non-woven bags.
- NEMC is working together with investors to ensure they comply with Government regulations in manufacturing of standard required non-woven bags.



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NEMC),

35 Regent/Migombani Street, P.O. Box 63154,
11404 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Tel: +255 22 277 4852/4889, +255 713 608 930

 @nemctanzania  www.nemc.or.tz

The United Republic of Tanzania



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NEMC)

Plastic Ban



#OurEnvironmentOurLife

Plastic Ban

The Environmental Management (Prohibition of Plastic Carrier Bags) Regulation, 2019 are meant to impose a total ban on the import, export, manufacturing, sale and use of plastic bags carriers regardless of thickness. The Regulation were established on 17th May, 2019 and its implementation started around the Country.

Aim

- To protect environment from adverse impact of the use of plastic bags.
- To ensure the non-woven bags penetrate the market and the user familiarize with it

Why Plastic Ban?

There are major 12 compelling reasons for Banning Plastic bags use. These include;

- Plastic bags are made with non renewable fossil fuel based resources;



Burned plastic bags.

- Plastics bags use up lots of energy in manufacturing and destroying;
- Plastics bags endangers aquatic animals as the end up being dumped into the ocean;
- Beach Plastic litter is on high rise;
- Plastics bags kills millions of animal every

year once eaten or entangle the animals;

- Takes a long time to disintegrate (approximately 500 years for plastic to start cracking up);
- Bring harm to the Ocean's coral;



- Contain toxic chemicals (pollutants such as polychlorinated biphenyl);
- Source of cancer to human beings (some plastic bags contain chemicals such as styrene and bisphenol which can cause cancer, heart disease and reproductive problems);



- Block storm drainage hence can lead to flooding;
- They are not being recycled (many recycling facilities cannot recycle plastic as they don't possess the capacity since because they contain high density polyethylene);
- Plastic bag waste collection is cost full.

Methodology used

NEMC succeeded to bring awareness of the regulation to citizens through education using the following methods:

- Media (TV, Radio, Newspapers)
- Exhibition
- Stakeholders Meetings
- Promotional Materials (Posters, Banners, Brochures, Flyers, etc.)



- Provision of support to government / non-government organization that are providing skills on how to make other non-plastics carrier bags by recognizing their efforts

Success

- Tanzania has succeeded to ban the importation, exportation, manufacturing,