

# **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS) (WALES) ACT 2023**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 4 - Power to amend: duties relating to sustainable development and reporting***

14. This section provides that when considering the exercise of powers in section 3 to amend the Schedule, the Welsh Ministers must consider their duty to promote sustainable development under section 79(1) of the [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#) ('GOWA') and to carry out sustainable development under the [Well-being of Futuregenerations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#).
15. In the report they are required to publish under section 79(2) of GOWA, the Welsh Ministers must explain their consideration of any plans to exercise the powers in section 3 to add further single-use plastic products to column 1 of the Table in the Schedule. This includes, but is not limited to their consideration of whether to add wet wipes and sauce sachets to column 1 of the Table in paragraph 1 of the Schedule.
16. In the report required under section 79(2) of GOWA, the Welsh Ministers must also explain any consideration they have given to exercise the powers under section 3 to remove exemptions from column 2 of the Table in the Schedule, particularly the exemptions for cups, lids and containers that are not made of polystyrene.