
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 971

The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020

PART 2

Single-use plastic straws

Exemption: retail pharmacy businesses

5.—(1) Regulation 4(1) does not apply to the supply of a single-use plastic straw by a retail pharmacy business in the cases in paragraph (2), provided that the conditions in paragraph (3) are complied with.

(2) The cases referred to in paragraph (1) are where the single-use plastic straw is supplied to an end user—

- (a) at a registered pharmacy; or
- (b) by means of online or other distance selling arrangements.

(3) The conditions are that single-use plastic straws to which regulation 4(1) applies—

- (a) must not be advertised to customers by the retail pharmacy business; and
- (b) if supplied at a registered pharmacy—
 - (i) must not be kept in a place where they are visible to customers, or where customers can access them; and
 - (ii) must not be offered or provided to a customer unless the customer has requested them.

(4) The condition in paragraph (3)(a) does not prohibit the display of single-use plastic straws for sale on a website or application through which the retail pharmacy business sells products online.

(5) In this regulation, “registered pharmacy” and “retail pharmacy business” have the meanings given in regulation 8(1) of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012(1).

Commencement Information

II Reg. 5 in force at 1.10.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

(1) [S.I. 2012/1916](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environmental Protection (Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers) (England) Regulations 2020, Section 5.