

Packaging Material Restrictions

This guide reflects regulations current as of August 2025. Some states allow limited exemptions under specific conditions, and compostables in WA and SA must meet AS5810 or AS4736 standards.

This information is a general guide only, and may not be up to date. Businesses should confirm requirements with their relevant state authority or with their Account Manager.

		Already Banned	Banned Soon, Date Listed (Regulation Passed)	Proposed for Ban (Regulation Not Passed, Items Banned TBC)	Not Banned				
	Banned Items	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS (Hobart)	VIC	WA
CUTLERY	Plastic or Plastic Lined Cutlery			Ban TBC 2025					
	Bioplastic (PLA) or Bioplastic/ Aqueous Lined Cutlery			Ban TBC 2025					
	Wooden Cutlery Unlined (Natural Wax Coating is accepted)								
	Sugarcane Pulp Cutlery Un-Lined								
STRAWS	Plastic or Plastic Lined straw			Ban TBC 2025					
	Bioplastic or Bioplastic/ Aqueous Lined Straws			Ban TBC 2025					
	Paper, Bamboo, Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined Straws								
CUPS	Expanded Polystyrene								
	Plastic								
	Bioplastic (PLA)								
	Paper Lined with Plastic								
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous								
CUP LIDS	Plastic								No For Hot & Cold Drinks or Food Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Till Aug 26, Registration Required Clear Lids Allowed for Cups Serving Pre-Packed & Displayed Food
	Bioplastic (PLA)								No For Hot & Cold Drinks or Food Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Till Aug 26, Registration Required Clear Lids Allowed for Cups Serving Pre-Packed & Displayed Food
	Paper Lined with Plastic								
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous								Yes for Cups Serving Food Only No For Hot & Cold Drinks
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined								

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BOWLS	Plastic  No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid  Yes, if the Bowl is Designed to Fit a Lid	Plastic  No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid  Yes, if the Bowl is Designed to Fit a Lid	 Ban TBC 2025	 No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid	 Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Sept 29	 No, used with or without lid		 Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Aug 26. Registration required.
	Bioplastic (PLA)  No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid  Yes, if the Bowl is Designed to Fit a Lid	Bioplastic (PLA)  No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid  Yes, if the Bowl is Designed to Fit a Lid						 Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Aug 26. Registration required.
	Paper Lined with Plastic  No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid  Yes, if the Bowl is Designed to Fit a Lid	Paper Lined with Plastic  No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid  Yes, if the Bowl is Designed to Fit a Lid	 Ban TBC 2025	 No, If used without lid		 No, used with or without lid		
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous  No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid  Yes, if the Bowl is Designed to Fit a Lid	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous  No, if The Bowl is Designed Not to Fit a Lid  Yes, if the Bowl is Designed to Fit a Lid						
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined 	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined 						
CONTAINERS	Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) 	Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) 	 Ban TBC 2025					
	Plastic 	Plastic 			 PP/PET Clear Rectangle or Square Container Used With Same Material Detached Lid for any temperature food / PP food containers and lids for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Sept 29. Where there is no suitable reusable or compostable alternative  Serving Very Hot Food or Displaying Food in Fridges or Hot Environments Without Suitable Alternatives til Aug 29			 Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Aug 26. Registration required.
	Bioplastic (PLA) 	Bioplastic (PLA) 						 Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Aug 26. Registration required.
	Paper Lined with Plastic 	Paper Lined with Plastic 						
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous 	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous 						
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined 	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined 						

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BOWL & CONTAINER LIDS	Plastic (Including Plastic Window)					 PP/PET Clear Rectangle or Square Container Used With Same Material Detached Lid for any temperature food / PP food containers and lids for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Sept 29  Where there is no suitable reusable or compostable alternative  Serving Very Hot Food or Displaying Food in Fridges or Hot Environments Without Suitable Alternatives til Aug 29			 Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Aug 26. Registration required.  Clear Lids Allowed for Pre-Packed & Displayed Food Only
	Bioplastic (PLA) (Including PLA Window)								 Yes for Liquid Food Above 60°C Til Aug 26. Registration required.  Clear Lids Allowed for Pre-Packed & Displayed Food Only
	Paper Lined with Plastic								
	Paper Lined with Bioplastic (PLA) or Aqueous								
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined								
PLATES	Plastic								
	Sugarcane Pulp Un-Lined								
SHOPPING BAGS	Plastic or Plastic Lined Shopping Bags		 <35um	 <35um  >35um Ban TBC 2025			 <35um	 <35um	
	Bioplastic (PLA) or Bioplastic Lined Shopping Bags		 <35um		 Certified Compostable to AU standards, >35um, and Reusable			 <35um	
	Paper Un-Lined Shopping Bags								