

WHICH BAGS WILL BE BANNED?

The ban will prohibit you from selling or giving away plastic bags with handles made of polyethylene polymer less than 35 microns thick. Check with your supplier if you are unsure about the composition or thickness of your bags.

What about bags with '100% degradable' printed on them?

Lightweight plastic bags which are marked 'degradable' will be banned because degradable plastics merely break down into smaller and smaller flakes which remain as damaging waste for many years. Only compostable bags that comply with Australian Standard AS4736-2006 (which prescribes how the bag should break down) will be permitted.



WHICH BAGS ARE LEGAL?



'Barrier' bags: the type dispensed from a roll, typically for items such as loose fruit and vegetables.

Compostable bags that state they meet the Australian Standard AS 4736-2006.



Paper bags.



Heavier retail (or boutique) bags: typically used by clothing and department stores.



Sturdy bags designed for multiple use such as the 'green' bags.

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