**COMMUNIQUÉ**

 **Return on Crackdown Operations (January 2023-June 2023)**

Pursuant to the **Environment Protection (Control of Single Use Plastic Products) Regulations 2020** and the **Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2020** which became effective as from 15 January 2021 and 01 March 2021 respectively, crackdown operations are being carried out by officers of the Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Environment and Climate Change Division), the Police de l’Environnementand Local Authorities across the island.

Details regarding the operations carried out for the period (**January 2023-June 2023)** are as hereunder:-

1. **Operations on Land**

60 outlets and stalls were visited and 63 contraventions were established for non-compliance with the two Regulations as follows:

1. **Non -Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products**

393 banned non-biodegradable single use plastic products have been seized as per the table below.

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| **SN** | **Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products** | **Quantity Seized (Units)** |
|
| 1 | Plastic cups with plastic lids | 38 |
| 2 | Take-aways *(polystyrene)* | 90 |
|  | Plates *(polystyrene)* | 75 |
| 3 | Plastic hinged containers | 190 |
| **Total**  | **393** |

1. **Plastic Bags**

2366 units (57 kg) of banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below.

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| SN | Products | Quantity seized(Units) | Quantity seized (Kg) |
| 1 | Plastic bags (roll-on) | 74 | 30 |
| 2 | Plastic bags including Non-Woven Polypropylene bag (other than rolls) | 2292 | 27 |
| 3 | Total | 2366 | 57 |

**B-Operations at port**

During verifications carried out at the level of the seaport and airport, one consignment of non-biodegradable single use plastic products and two consignments of banned plastic bags were seized.

1. **Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products**

12600 banned non-biodegradable single use plastic products have been seized as per the table below.

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| **SN** | **Non-Biodegradable Single Use Plastic Products** | **Quantity Seized (Units)** |
| 1 | Plastic spoons | 12600 |
| **Total** | **12600** |

1. **Plastic Bags**

1209 units of banned plastic bags have been seized as per the table below.

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| **SN** | **Products** | **Quantity Seized (Units)** |
| 1 | Non-Woven Polypropylene Plastic Bags  | - |
| 2 | Other Banned Plastic bags  | 1209 |
| **Total** | **1209** |

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