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# Who will be impacted by Macau's new plastic bag law?

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On August 19, 2019, Law no. 16/2019 (the "Law") was published in the Macau Official Gazette. It restricts the distribution of plastic bags to the general public and on November 18, 2019 enters into force, 90 days after its publication.

This Law aims to reduce the negative impact of plastic bags on the environment and will apply to sales by retailers. The Macau Legislative Assembly passed approval as an acknowledgement of the general public's plea to reduce plastic bag waste, and as a means for the public to develop a habit of bringing reusable bags. As stated by the Director of the Environmental Protection Services Bureau (the "DSPA"), the city produced 1,400 tons of garbage per day in 2017, 23% of which were plastics. Lawmakers anticipate a 50% decrease in plastic bag consumption, following this Law's implementation.

To achieve this goal, the Law stipulates a fee for each plastic bag supplied to a customer, though exemptions have been provided, such as free plastic bags to carry unpackaged food. The Chief Executive's Dispatch no. 143/2019, published on 9 September 2019, requires MOP1.00 (one Pataca) to be charged for each plastic bag that is supplied.

## 澳門塑膠袋之新法,將會影響誰?

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2019年8月19日,第16/2019號法律限制提供塑膠袋(以下简称法律),在澳門官方公報上 公佈,自公佈後滿九十日也即是今年11月17日起生效。

該法旨在減少塑膠袋對環境的負面影響,並將總體適用於零售業場所的銷售。 澳門立法會在 認可公眾呼籲的減少塑膠袋使用和發展公眾自帶袋子習慣後批准了這項法案。正如環境保護 局(DSPA)局長所說,2017年澳門每天產生1400噸垃圾,其中23%為塑料垃圾,根據該 法,期望減半使用塑料袋。

為了實現這一目標,法律規定了在零售行為中向客戶提供塑膠袋每個收取的金額,除了已經 給予豁免的特定情況,例如,允許自由供應塑膠袋承載未包裝的食物。關於收費金額,2019 年9月9日公佈的第143/2019號行政長官公告規定,每個供應的塑膠袋應收取1.00澳門元(壹 澳門元)。

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