

Plastics (Wet Wipes) Bill

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Prohibit the manufacture and sale of wet wipes containing plastic; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Prohibition of manufacture and sale of wet wipes containing plastic

- (1) The Secretary of State must use the powers in subsection (3) to lay before Parliament draft regulations that apply to England to prohibit the manufacture and sale of wet wipes containing plastic.
- (2) Draft regulations under subsection (1) must create offences in relation to that prohibition. 5
- (3) Those powers are—
 - (a) the power under section 140 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to prohibit or restrict the importation, use, supply or storage of an injurious substance or article if the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to do so for the purpose of preventing the substance or article from causing pollution of the environment or harm to human health or to the health of animals or plants, and 10
 - (b) the power under section 62(2) of the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 (offences under subordinate legislation). 15
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament draft regulations under subsection (1) before the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales only. 20
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Plastics (Wet Wipes) Act 2021.

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