

Acronyms : Polystyrene (PS), Expanded Polystyrene (EPS), polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and high-density polyethylene (HDPE)

1.1.1 Proposed Phase-Out Time Line for PS, EPS, PET and HDPE (See Appendix 3)

Phase 1: Announcements

1. Announcement of Government's *intention to phase-out existing use and ban* the importation of PS, EPS, PET and HDPE Food Service Containers—by Minister for Sustainable Development— as of August, 2018.
2. Announcement of *start date of the 12-month phase-out* of Polystyrene and Expanded Polystyrene, PET and HDPE food service containers - as of 1st January, 2019. Announcement Date November 2018
 - a. Announcement of 0% Import duties on alternatives
 - b. Announcement of the *actual ban of importation of PS, EPS, PET and HDPE* Food service containers. November 2018
3. Announcement of Ban of importation and use as of January 2019. Announcement date November 2019

Phase 2: Preparations

1. Intensive *public awareness, consultations and preparations* from date of first announcement, in readiness for the scheduled phase-out that is to commence on 1st December 2018, in collaboration with SLSWMA, Health sector, Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, Customs, Chamber of Commerce and all relevant stakeholders. (Continuous)
2. Start implementation of 0% import Duties on alternates: It is important that the implementation of the 0% import duties be done in advance of the ban to allow businesses to purchase the alternatives ahead of the ban instead of stocking up on Styrofoam and plastics to use during the phase out. Additionally, insufficient time between the announcements and press conferences and the actual start of the phasing out will have adverse effects on businesses imported for the Christmas and New Year's celebrations.
3. Establishment of a Quality Control and Monitoring Committee for the alternatives

Phase 3: Enforcement of a Ban and implementation of phase-out as of 1st January 2019– 31st December, 2019.

1. Continued Public Awareness campaigns

2. Continued collaboration with Customs, Chamber of Commerce and Department of commerce
3. Legislations and regulations development

Phase 4: *Ban on Use* of PS, EPS, PET and HDPE Food Service Containers as of 1st January, 2020