

Preparing for the implementation of the Single Use Plastics Directive

Duni Group is focused on driving sustainable solutions by taking responsibility for the product throughout its life cycle, from design to disposal. We support efforts on labelling requirements and awareness-raising measures that produce clear, actionable and harmonized outcomes. Duni Group encourages further collaboration throughout the value chain and higher incentives for innovation to create the most sustainable alternatives for tomorrow.

The Directive (EU) 2019/904 on the reduction of the impact on certain plastic products on the environment, also known as the Single Use Plastics (SUP) Directive will become law in EU countries by July 3, 2021. Products that will be covered by the market restriction (ban) and marking requirements will apply from July 3, 2021.

Banned Products

BioPak & Duni products made wholly or partly from plastic will no longer be placed on the market after July 3, 2021:

- Cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks);
- plates;
- straws;
- beverage stirrers.

Marking Requirements

BioPak & Duni products that will be labelled with harmonised marking specification (see examples included) by July 3, 2021 are:

- Beverage cups made partly or wholly from plastic.
- Wet wipes made of plastic.

Further Clarification

The implementation of the SUP Directive has been delayed in most Member States due to several unclarities in the original document as well as the delayed publication of the Implementing Regulation guideline, causing uncertainty and ambiguity on several points for companies within the industry. Duni Group can therefore conclude the following:

- The Directive specifies that products placed on the market from July 3, 2021 need to comply with the above.
- Anything available in stock before this date has evidently been placed on the market and will be able to be put to its intended use also after July 3, 2021.
- Duni Group's customers in the EU will therefore also be able to ensure that the relevant products will be put to use.

