

RESPONSIBLE PACKAGING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The Adelaide Showgrounds Farmers' Market (**ASFM**) aims to reduce the use of and promote the recycling of plastics.

We will work to achieve this by:

- Providing vendors with information on alternative packaging products and where to buy them
- Providing vendors with information on booth display options which mitigate the need for packaging
- Encourage partnerships and purchasing coops with Market stallholders needing similar packaging to reduce costs
- Monitoring, tracking and informing stallholders, market goers, the general public at large of our goals and success

'**Compostable**' means that a product is capable of disintegrating into natural elements in a compost environment, leaving no toxicity in the soil. This typically must occur in about 90 days.

Please note: Oxo-degradable plastics **are not compostable products** according to this policy and are illegal to be supplied or distributed in South Australia as per the Part 3, 10 (1) of the **South Australian Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020**

SCOPE

This policy applies to all stallholders attending the ASFM.

PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to support ASFM's commitment to reduce the use of and promote the recycling of plastics.

POLICY STATEMENT

The ASFM requires existing stallholders to follow the following rules:

1. ALL stallholders must use and offer **EXCLUSIVELY** certified compostable produce barrier bags, carry bags, coffee/drink cups (including sampling cups), cutlery (including tasting)

and straws. Non-compostable produce barrier bags, carry bags, coffee/drink cups (including sampling cups), cutlery (including tasting) and straws will no longer be able to be offered at the market by stallholders.

2. All pre-packaged products must where reasonably possible be in fully compostable packaging. This includes but is not limited to produce punnets, fruit and vegetable nets, food trays and containers, sauce packaging, polystyrene trays, bread bags and ties.
3. In addition to complying with the other parts of this policy, all stallholders are encouraged to start reducing and eliminating their use of all single use plastics in the course of all aspects of their trading and business activities within the ASFM.
4. Where a stallholder believes that the use of plastic is required for health and /or regulatory standards product longevity and that such a use is in contravention of this policy, exemptions must be obtained by submitting a written request to the ASFM Operations Manager.
5. Exemptions for all other non-compostable packaging where an alternative is not deemed reasonably possible, must be obtained by submitting a written request to the ASFM Operations Manager.

In addition, all stallholders to be compliant with the South Australian Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be subject to review in March 2023 and thereafter on a 24-monthly basis, unless an earlier review is considered necessary by the ASFM Management Committee and/or executive staff.

VERSION HISTORY

VERSION	AUTHOR(S) POSTION	CHANGES	APPROVAL DATE
1.	CRobertson		16/1/19
2.	CRobertson		19/6/19
3.	CRobertson		18/3/20
4.	CRobertson	Removal of delineation between new stallholders and existing, removal of commencement date as now current. Addition of requirement to comply with state act.	17/2/21