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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**  
**Government Notifications**

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**THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT, No. 47 OF 1980**

**Order under Section 23 W**

BY VIRTUE of the powers vested in me by Section 23w of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 read with Section 51 of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, I, Maithripala Sirisena, President, do by this Order-

1. prohibit -

- (i) the manufacture of polythene or any polythene product of twenty (20) microns or below in thickness for in country use ; or
- (ii) the sale, offer for sale, offer free of charge, exhibition or use of polythene or any polythene product which is twenty (20) microns or below in thickness within the country :

Provided that polythene or any polythene product of twenty (20) microns or below in thickness may be permitted to be used with the prior written approval of the Authority for the purposes specified in the Schedule hereto.

2. declare that the Order published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1466/5 of October 10, 2006 is hereby rescinded without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

for the purposes of this Order-

“Authority” means the Central Environmental Authority established under the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 ;



“Polythene” means all forms of polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene terephthalate or any other similar raw material.

MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA,  
President.

Colombo,  
30th August, 2017.

#### SCHEDULE

#### PERMITTED USES

1. Use of the following material for the purpose of laminating :-
  - (a) Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) whether or not metalized or holographic PET film ;
  - (b) Polypropylene films whether or not metalized or pearlisied ;
  - (c) Nylon;
  - (d) Cast polypropylene (CPP) or metalized Cast Polypropylene (CPP) ;
  - (e) Polyvinyl chloride (PVC);
  - (f) Polyethylene Terephthalate Glycol (PETG).
2. Use for medical or pharmaceutical purposes in the absence of any other suitable alternative.

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