



AMERICAN SAMOA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (AS-EPA)

Plastic Shopping Bags Ban

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Alternative Plastic Shopping Bag Serial Numbers Approved

AS-EPA would like to remind the public and retailers that only alternative plastic shopping bags that have been specifically approved by AS-EPA can be distributed in American Samoa. The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) has worked closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MNRE) in Samoa and has reviewed the bags and documents submitted by various retailers concerning the use of "Samoa Biobags." Based upon AS-EPA's review, "Samoa Biobags" are compliant with the new Plastic Shopping Bag Ban (PSBB), A.S.C.A §25.2034 if they have the following serial numbers:

CPMNREPTI/0808002

CPMNREPTI/0710001

CPMNREPTI/0712014

CPMNREFEE/0211009

Retailers and restaurants may use these alternative shopping bags in their stores; however, they must still comply with all other aspects of the PSBB. This is not an approval for any other plastic bag. All "Samoa Biobags" must have one of the serial numbers listed above printed on the bag to be eligible under this approval. This approval is granted with the understanding that it will expire on date of expiration of the certification from MNRE in Samoa and may be rescinded sooner if found necessary by AS-EPA.

We also encourage any store that wishes to use alternative plastic bags to pick up instructions and a submission from our office in Pago Plaza to help expedite the approval process.

For more information please call AS-EPA at 633-2304 or visit our website:

www.asepa.gov