



## EXEMPTION NOTICE

<b>Exemption number:</b>	SUP0003/2024/1
<b>Issued under:</b>	Regulation 20(1)
<b>Date of issue:</b>	5 July 2024
<b>Duration:</b>	Ends 30 August 2025

## Specific exemption

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This class exemption is for the sale or supply of **food containers and their lids** and is **only** applicable for **takeaway food uses** when the container is holding **soupy or liquid foods** that can be poured and are served at **over 60 degrees Celsius**.

This time-limited exemption has been applied as there are currently limited food packaging options available that meet safe food handling requirements, reduce risks of leaking and provide an effective barrier for prolonged storage.

## FAQs

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### What are soupy or liquid foods?

These items relate to takeaway food that can be poured and includes, but are not limited to:

- *curry*
- *gravy*
- *soup*
- *laksa*

These products are usually packaged in plastic containers or bowls with tight-fitting lids.

The exemption captures products where the hot liquid is the main ingredient of the food product and generally does not combine with other ingredients to reduce pouring or the risk of a spill. For example, foods such as fried rice, biryani, refried beans and soup-less noodles are not likely to meet this definition and are not eligible for this exemption.

### What about cold liquid foods or drinks?

The exemption **ONLY** applies to food containers and their lids supplied for takeaway use, which contain hot soupy or liquid foods served at over 60 degrees Celsius.

The exemption does **NOT** apply to cold foods, non-liquid foods, or any beverage (hot or cold).

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## How long does the exemption last?

The exemption is only valid until the end of 30 August 2025 to allow businesses time to find suitable alternatives.

## What do I need to do?

To use this exemption, businesses or impacted organisations are required to provide the following information within 30 days to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation via the website form.

### Information Required

- Business name of retailer/organisation (required)
- Authorised representative from the organisation using the exemption / Who to contact if needed (required)
- Phone Number (optional)
- Email (required)
- List of plastic food packaging to use this class exemption (required)
- Details of takeaway food meals captured by this class exemption (required)
- Images of products (optional)

Access the form by scanning the QR Code below or visiting:

<https://form.jotform.com/242330849036859>



## Who needs to submit the website form?

The business that controls what food is supplied in the container should submit this information, such as retailers or community groups. Manufacturers and suppliers do not need to submit this information as the exemption applies to specific meals supplied.

Any non-compliance with the exemption notice can lead to enforcement action.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation can also be contacted to discuss further. However, reporting is encouraged by using the website form (scan QR code).

Contact details are provided on the website.