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L.N. 272 of 2025

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT (CAP. 549)

Abandonment, Dumping and Disposal of Waste in Streets and Public Places or Areas (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2025

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 54 and 55 of the Environment Protection Act, the Minister responsible for the environment, after consultation with the Environment and Resources Authority, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Abandonment, Dumping and Disposal of Waste in Streets and Public Places or Areas (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2025 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Abandonment, Dumping and Disposal of Waste in Streets and Public Places or Areas Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations". S.L. 549.40.

(2) These regulations shall come into force within two (2) months from their publication in the Gazette.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after the definition "the Authority" there shall be added the following new definition:

" "balloon" means any type of balloon filled with gas, excluding balloons for industrial or other professional uses and applications that are not distributed to consumers;";

(b) immediately after the definition "officer" there shall be added the following new definition:

" "open air" includes any open space and any covered place which is exposed to the open air on at least one side;";

(c) immediately after the definition "organiser" there shall be added the following new definition:

" "plastic confetti" means pieces or streamers made wholly or partly from plastic;".

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Adds new regulations to the principal regulations.

3. Immediately after regulation 4B of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new regulations:

"Unlawful release of plastic confetti.

4C. No person shall release or cause to be released any plastic confetti into the open air.

Unlawful release of balloons.

4D. The deliberate release of balloons in open air events shall be prohibited:

Provided that this shall not be applicable where the balloons are sufficiently weighted in a manner that prevents their release into the environment outside the event organiser's control."

Amends regulation 10 of the principal regulations.

4. In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 10 of the principal regulations the words "in regulations 4, 5 and 8" shall be substituted by the words "in regulations 4, 4C, 4D, 5 and 8".

Amends regulation 12 of the principal regulations.

5. In sub-regulation (3) of regulation 12 of the principal regulations the words "regulations 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8" shall be substituted by the words "regulations 4, 4C, 4D, 5, 6, 7 and 8".

Amends regulation 15 of the principal regulations.

6. In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 15 of the principal regulations the words "under in regulations 4, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9" shall be substituted by the words "under regulations 4, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9".

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