

**Plastic adhesives exemption 2024**  
***Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act 2021***  
**Notice granting an exemption under section 61**

I, Tony Chappel, Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the Environment Protection Authority, grant the following exemption from section 9(1) of the *Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act 2021* for the supply of items that contain plastic adhesive, under section 61 of the Act:

**1. Exemption for the supply of *single-use plastic items* that contain *plastic adhesive*:**

A person is exempt from section 9(1) of the Act for the supply of a ***single-use plastic item*** if:

- (a) the item supplied contains ***plastic adhesive*** that:
  - (i) is only used to the minimum extent necessary to adhere otherwise detached materials or layers of material together;
  - (ii) is only used between detached materials or layers of material; and
  - (iii) is not used for decorative purposes; and
  
- (b) the item supplied does not contain any plastic except for ***plastic adhesive*** that is permitted under clause 1(a).

**Examples where the use of *plastic adhesive* may be permitted under clause 1(a):**

- (1) ***Plastic adhesive*** used only to affix cotton to the end of a non-plastic cotton bud stick to ensure the cotton does not come off when a person is using the cotton bud.
- (2) ***Plastic adhesive*** used only to adhere the paper layers within a paper straw for the consumption of liquids.

**Examples where the use of *plastic adhesive* is not permitted under clause 1(a):**

- (1) ***Plastic adhesive*** used as lining or coating, including to seal inks and dyes.
- (2) ***Plastic adhesive*** used to affix glitter or other decorative ornaments to an item.

**The following conditions apply to this exemption:**

- (1) This exemption only applies where there is no adhesive-free alternative to using ***plastic adhesive*** in the item supplied.

## Definitions

(1) In this notice:

**Act** means the *Plastic Reduction and Circular Economy Act 2021*.

**Plastic adhesive** means a substance, including glue, that contains plastic and is used to adhere detached materials or layers of materials together.

**Single-use plastic item** means an item listed in Schedule 1, clause 3 of the Act.

(2) Words and expressions in this notice have the same meaning as in the Act, unless otherwise defined.

## When this exemption commences

This exemption commences on 1 November 2024. The EPA may vary or revoke this exemption by a further notice published in the NSW Government Gazette.

## Power under which this exemption is made

This exemption is granted under section 61 of the Act.



**Tony Chappel**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Environment Protection Authority**

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