

## **Degradable Plastic Bag and Straw Usage Regulations**

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The following rules and regulations are applicable to all food Cafeteria operators, Pushcart operators, and any vendors who supply and sell goods, foods and drinks within the University Premises. They are also applied to any types of event and/or activities held within the University Premises.
- 1.2 These regulations are made in order to reduce the use of non-degradable plastic bag and straw in everyday activities of purchasing, and encourage consumers to stop using non-degradable plastic bag and straw. These regulations shall help the University to prevent pollution due to the usage of non-degradable plastic bag and straw. This initiative is in line with the University's Green Campus Initiative.

### **2. AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 The University reserves the right to maintain full jurisdiction over the vendors and to take action against all violators of these regulations, and amend these regulations from time to time as deemed necessary by the University.
- 2.2 The following terms shall have the meanings specified:
  - 2.2.1 "University Premises" means any land or buildings in University ownership or under the control of the University including land or buildings occupied by private individuals or companies whether as tenants or licensees.
  - 2.2.2 "Cafeteria Operators" means all Cafeteria Operators or Stall Operators operate at the Cafeteria within the University Premises.
  - 2.2.3 "Push Carts Operators" means all Push Cart Operators operate within the University Premises.
  - 2.2.4 "Vendors" means the persons who sell goods within the University Premises.
  - 2.2.5 "Event Organizer" means any organizer or committee or host of any event or activities which approved by the University to be held within the University Premises.
  - 2.2.6 "Customers" means anyone buying the foods and drinks from Cafeteria Operators, Push Cart Operators and Food Vendors within the University Premises.
  - 2.2.7 "University" means Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman.
  - 2.2.8 "Staff" means any or all employees of the University whether full-time or part-time.
  - 2.2.9 "Student" means any or all students registered for programme of study in the University whether on a full-time or part-time basis.
  - 2.2.10 "Non-degradable plastic bag and straw" means the bag and straw are made by plastic material that cannot be broken down naturally by bacteria or other decomposition mechanism such as polyethylene, rayon, nylon, lexan, polyester, PVC (Ploy Vinyl Chloride) and carbon fibers.

2.2.11 “Degradable plastic bag and straw” means the plastic bag and straw that can be broken down either biologically or chemically under specific environmental conditions.

### **3. CAFETERIA, PUSH CART OPERATORS, AND VENDORS**

3.1 The Cafeteria, Push Cart Operators, and Vendors shall not use non-degradable plastic bag and straw for in-house usage.

3.2 The Cafeteria and Push Cart Operators shall use degradable bag and degradable straw for dine-in usage.

3.3 The Cafeteria and Push Cart Operators shall not use non-degradable plastic bag and straw for food take-away service. The Cafeteria and Push Cart Operators shall use other options for food or drink packaging when take-away, such as degradable plastic bag, paper bag, non-woven recyclable bag and degradable straw.

3.4 The Vendors shall not use non-degradable plastic bag to carry goods of customers. Vendors shall use other option for goods carrying bag, such as degradable plastic bag, paper bag and non-woven recyclable bag.

3.5 The Cafeteria, Push Cart Operators, and Vendors may charge a minimum cost from the customers who request degradable plastic bag, paper bag, non-woven recyclable bag, and degradable straw for packaging/take-away for their goods, food, or drink, and when dine-in. The charges for the using of degradable plastic bag, paper bag, non-woven recyclable bag, and degradable straw are as follows:

No.	Items	Charges
1.	Degradable plastic bag	RM0.20 each bag
2.	Paper bag	RM0.50 each bag
3.	Non-woven recyclable bag	RM0.60 each bag
4.	Degradable straw	RM0.30 each straw

The Cafeteria, Push Cart Operators, and Vendors shall not charge against their customer more than the amount stated in the table above.

3.6 The University reserves the right to maintain full jurisdiction over the minimum cost charges for the degradable plastic bag, paper bag, non-woven recyclable bag, and degradable straw and to take action against the Cafeteria, Push Cart Operators, and Vendors under these regulations, and amend these minimum cost from time to time as deemed necessary by the University.

3.7 Violations of Degradable Plastic Bag and Straw Usage Regulations by the Cafeteria, Push Cart Operators, and Vendors shall be treated as incompliance to the terms and condition of the Tenancy Agreement between the University and the Cafeteria, Push Cart Operators, and Vendors. Any incompliance to the said terms shall subject to the following penalties:

- 1st Offence : Warning letter
- 2nd Offence : Fine between RM 50.00 to RM 200.00
- 3rd Offence : Fine between RM 100.00 to RM 400.00

- 4th Offence : Termination of contract

#### 4. EVENT ORGANISER

- 4.1 The Event Organiser shall not use non-degradable plastic bag and straw within the University Premises.
- 4.2 The Event Organiser shall not use non-degradable plastic bag for food and good packaging/take-away and shall not use non-degradable plastic straw for take-away. The Event Organiser shall use other options for good, food and drink packaging when take-away, such as degradable plastic bag, paper bag, non-woven recyclable bag, and degradable straws.
- 4.3 The Event Organiser may charge a minimum cost from the customers who request degradable plastic bag, paper bag, non-woven recyclable bag, and degradable straw for packaging/take-away for their goods, food, or drink, and when dine-in. The charges for the using of degradable plastic bag, paper bag, non-woven recyclable bag, and degradable straw as follows:

No.	Items	Charges
1.	Degradable plastic bag	RM0.20 each bag
2.	Paper bag	RM0.50 each bag
3.	Non-woven recyclable bag	RM0.60 each bag
4.	Degradable straw	RM0.30 each straw

The Event Organiser shall not charge against their customer more than the amount stated in the table above.

- 4.4 The Event Organiser shall take full responsibility to ensure all parties that invited to the event follow the Degradable Plastic Bag and Straw Usage Regulations. The Event Organiser shall bear the penalties on any violations by the invited parties.
- 4.5 The University reserves the right to maintain full jurisdiction over the minimum cost charges for the degradable plastic bag, paper bag, non-woven recyclable bag, and degradable straw and to take action against the Event Organiser under these regulations, and amend these minimum cost from time to time as deemed necessary by the University.
- 4.6 Violations of Degradable Plastic Bag and Straw Usage Regulations by the Event Organiser may result in warning letter or fines. Offenders shall be fined or given warning letter subject to the degree of incompliance as follows:
- 1st Offence : Warning letter
  - 2nd Offence : Fine between RM 50.00 to RM 200.00
  - 3rd Offence : Fine between RM 100.00 to RM 400.00

**5. ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATIONS POWERS**

- 5.1 The Department of Student Affairs of each campus shall enforce the Degradable Plastic Bag and Straw Usage Regulations and have the authority to ensure the compliance of Degradable Plastic Bag and Straw Usage Regulations among all food Cafeteria operators, Pushcart operators, Vendors, and any Event.

**6. ASSISTANCE AND REFERRALS**

- 6.1 Any concerns or queries regarding the Degradable Plastic Bag and Straw Usage Policies, Enforcement and Operational aspects should be directed to the Head of Department of Student Affairs of each campus.