

# POLICY FOR MINIMIZATION OF ON-CAMPUS DISPOSABLE ITEMS

1. Purpose

Single-use plastic' is defined as all products made wholly or partly of plastic, which are intended for single use and/or for a short period of time before being disposed of. Disposable items are defined as any items other than those made of single-use plastic, intended for single use and/or a short period of time before being disposed of. Single-use plastic is one of the largest contributors to environmental pollution across the globe and causes significant harm to wildlife and ecosystems. This problem can be reduced significantly with the controlled use and disposal of or single-use plastic and other disposable items.

#### 2. Rationale

Educating staff and students in the correct way to dispose of single-use plastic items, i.e. they should be clean and dry and placed in the mixed recycling bin (Recycle). In line with the guidance provided by the government ban on plastic straws our catering outlets are able to provide plastic straws on request, this ensures that in instances where using plastic straws are necessary for medical reasons, supporting the right balance between reducing environmental impact and protecting the rights of people with medical conditions and disabilities.

#### 3. Scope

This policy applies to staff, students and contractors of Tashkent State Agrarian University (hereinafter, TSAU).

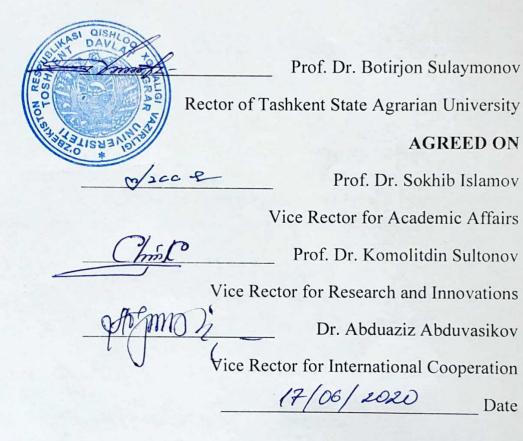
## 4. Policy

4.1. TSAU is committed to reducing the use of single-use plastic and disposable items throughout the estate and satisfies the Government ban on plastic straws, stirrers and cotton buds. Our aim is to provide suitable alternatives where possible and to

encourage our staff, students and visitors to choose re-useable options whenever feasible.

- 4.2. This is achieved by:
  - Promoting the use of re-usable coffee cups by offering a discount on drinks purchased using re-usable cups.
  - Providing water stations across all university buildings to enable free water for refillable bottles.
  - Reducing the amount of plastic packaging/cutlery in our catering outlets where feasible and hygienic to do so.
  - · The use of wooden drinks stirrers in catering outlets.

## 5. Entry into force



#### 6. Review date

Review foreseen every five years	on
16/06/2025	Date