

THEMATIC TITLE	LEGAL PROBLEMS FOR SINGLE-USE PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT FROM FOOD DELIVERY
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ABSTRACT

This independent study aims to investigate single-use plastic waste management from food delivery because at present human beings have increasingly developed food business technology and most of food entrepreneurs often choose to use single-use plastic products for food and beverage package. This leads to inefficiency of single-use plastic waste management. Although Thailand has established policies and legal measures, it lacks the connection of systematic plastic waste management. Moreover, the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 does not clearly specify the approaches to solve the problems of single-use plastic waste management, which led to the background of this study.

The findings revealed that (1) regarding definitions and categorization of single-use plastic waste, Section 4 of the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 does not directly provide the definition of "single-use plastic," but it is only categorized into the solid wastes which can be divided into several types. This causes vague interpretation of single-use plastic waste management; (2) regarding the problems on determining the enhancement measures for food delivery entrepreneurs in single-use plastic waste management, Section 53 (3) of the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 empowers the Pollution Control Board to stipulate the proper enhancement measures on taxation for restaurant entrepreneurs. At present, it is probably not specified concretely; therefore, the restaurant entrepreneurs do not realize the selection of single-use plastic products; and (3) regarding the problems on determining duties and responsibilities of restaurant entrepreneurs using food delivery service in single-use

plastic waste management, Section 78 of the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 does not stipulate the method of eliminating or preventing single-use plastic waste due to restaurant entrepreneurs using food delivery service, which leads to inefficiency of single-use plastic waste management.

Therefore, to find out the approaches to efficiently solve the problem of single-use plastic waste management, the researcher would like to propose the amendments of the Enhancement and Conservation of National Environmental Quality Act B.E. 2535 as well as propose the solution to single-use plastic waste management as follows: (1) determining the definitions and categorization of single-use plastic waste management; (2) empowering the Pollution Control Board to stipulate the enhancement measures on taxation for restaurant entrepreneurs; and (3) determining duties and responsibilities of restaurant entrepreneurs to participate in single-use plastic waste management.