

PNG bans plastic bag imports

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Papua New Guinea will ban imports of non-biodegradable plastics bags from Decemeber 1.

PNG's Environment and Conservation Minister, Benny Allen, says that in order to prevent domestic job losses, the ban will not be extended to local manufacturers of plastic bags.

Mr Allen was quoted in the National newspaper as saying the new regulations would require importers, manufacturers and distributors of biodegradable plastic bags to obtain environment permits.

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