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**THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT No. 47 OF 1980**

**Order under Section 23W**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 23W of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 as amended from time to time, I, Maithripala Sirisena, Minister of Environment do by this Order, with effect from 1st of January 2007, prohibit-

- (i) the manufacture of polythene or any polythene product of twenty (20) microns or below in thickness for in country use; and
- (ii) the sale or use of polythene or any polythene product which is twenty (20) microns or below in thickness.

For the purposes of this Order “polythene” means any solid products, bags, material or contrivances manufactured using all forms of polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene, poly vinyl chloride, polyethylene terephthalate or any other similar raw material used for the purpose of carrying, packing wrapping or packaging.

MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA,  
Minister of Environment.

Colombo,  
30th September, 2006.

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