

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**

**Act 451 of 1994**

**PART 163**

**PLASTIC DEGRADABLE CONTAINERS**

**324.16301 Definitions.**

Sec. 16301. As used in this part:

(a) "Containers" means glass, metal, or plastic bottles, cans, jars, or other receptacles that contain any substance.

(b) "Degradable" means capable of being broken down by biodegradation, photodegradation, or chemical degradation into component parts within 360 days under exposure to the elements.

**History:** 1994, Act 451, Eff. Mar. 30, 1995.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Waste Management Division to the Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, see E.R.O. No. 1995-16, compiled MCL 324.99901 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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**324.16302 Container holding devices constructed of plastic rings; design and registration of symbol; test data; vacuum-packed wrapping.**

Sec. 16302. (1) A person shall not sell or offer for sale in this state containers connected to each other by a separate holding device that is constructed of plastic rings unless the device is degradable and bears a distinguishing symbol.

(2) A manufacturer of container holding devices that are constructed of plastic rings who sells or offers for sale or provides for the sale or offer for sale in this state of these devices shall design a distinguishing symbol indicating that the devices are degradable and shall register the distinguishing symbol with the department and provide the department with a sample of the device. The department may require test data that show that the device is degradable as required in this part.

(3) As used in this part, a separate holding device does not include a vacuum-packed wrapping that completely encases the containers that it connects.

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**324.16303 Violation as misdemeanor; penalty.**

Sec. 16303. A person who violates this part is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500.00 for each day this part is violated.

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