

# Expanded polystyrene food packaging trays (meat and seafood)

## Enforcement begins 1 September 2023

### What is proposed to be banned and when?

The sale and supply of expanded polystyrene (EPS) trays used in the sale of fresh produce was banned in Stage 1. Stage 2 bans EPS trays for raw meat and seafood.

The phase-out will commence on 27 February 2023. There will be a transition period of six months before the rules are enforced to allow businesses to use up supplies and source alternative products.

**Enforcement of the ban on EPS trays for raw meat and seafood packaging will commence on 1 September 2023.**



### Why ban EPS food packaging?

EPS food packaging is sent to landfill or littered as there are no recycling options in Western Australia.

It is a lightweight material easily transported by wind and water when littered and breaks into small pieces posing a hazard to wildlife.

### What is not included in the ban?

- foam boxes for home delivery of fresh food and pre-prepared meals where there is an opportunity for collection and reuse
- all business-to-business EPS packaging.

