



Chile becomes the first country of Latin America to ban plastic shopping bags

Unanimously the Chilean Congress approved the Draft Law promoted by the Ministry of the Environment, which prohibits the distribution of plastic shopping bags throughout the national territory.

It should be noted, that this initiative, has a broad and transversal support from citizens and politicians, according with the first principle of the REP Law that seeks to reduce the generation of waste, which especially damages the environment and mainly, our ocean.

The implementation of this Law will contribute to reduce the amount of plastic and micro plastic that our ocean receives every year, impacting the marine ecosystem. In addition, this Law will help to diminish the environmental risks generated by chemical substances that plastic bags contain.

This bill establishes a period of six months adaptation for large retailers, and a period of two years for smaller business, convenience stores, to avoid the distribution of plastic bags.

For more details about this bill, you can visit the website www.chaobolsasplasticas.cl