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PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION POLICY OF THE SAKEN SEIFULLIN KAZAKH AGROTECHNICAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY



1. General Provisions

1.1. This Policy establishes the goals, principles, and measures aimed at reducing the use of single-use plastics and minimizing plastic waste across the campus of the S. Seifullin Kazakh Agrotechnical Research University.

1.2. The Policy is developed in accordance with the principles of environmental sustainability, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (particularly SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production), and the University's commitments to reducing its environmental footprint.

1.3. This Policy applies to all University employees, students, contractors, service providers, tenants, and campus visitors.

2. Policy Objectives

2.1. To reduce the consumption of single-use plastic products on our campus.

2.2. To improve the collection, sorting, and recycling of plastic waste.

2.3. To promote sustainable behavior among students, faculty, and staff.

2.4. To transition to environmentally friendly, reusable, or biodegradable alternatives to plastic.

3. Key Principles

3.1. Reduction (Reduce) – minimizing plastic use, particularly single-use items.

3.2. Reuse – promoting the use of reusable bottles, containers, bags, and other durable items.

3.3. Recycling (Recycle) – ensuring proper separation, collection, and recycling of plastics.

3.4. Collaboration- engaging the Seifullin University community and partners in achieving plastic-waste reduction goals.

4. Main Directions and Implementation Measures

4.1. Administrative Measures

4.1.1. Restricting or prohibiting the use of single-use plastics (cups, bottles, straws, plastic bags, etc.) within Seifullin University departments.

4.1.2. Including requirements for reducing plastic waste in contracts with food service providers, vendors, and tenants.

4.2. Infrastructure Development

4.2.1. Installing separate collection bins for plastic across the campus.

4.2.2. Establishing collection points or reverse-vending machines (bottle return stations) for plastic bottles.

4.2.3. Implementing filtered drinking water stations to reduce bottled-water consumption.

4.3. Awareness, Education, and Capacity Building

4.3.1. Conducting awareness campaigns, seminars, workshops, and training sessions on sustainable consumption.

4.3.2. Developing information materials (posters, brochures, digital content) on plastic reduction.

4.3.3. Engaging student clubs and volunteer groups in plastic-waste collection, recycling projects, and clean-up initiatives.

5. Responsibility and Monitoring

5.1. Units responsible for the implementation of this Policy include:

– Administrative Department and Department of Infrastructure Maintenance Department;

– Environmental Sustainability Research Center;

– Heads of University departments.

5.2. The University monitors:

– The volume of plastic items procured;

– Quantities of plastic waste collected and recycled;

– Levels of community engagement and participation.

6. Final Provisions

6.1. This Policy becomes effective upon approval by the University's Executive Board / President.

6.2. The Policy shall be reviewed at least once every three years or as needed.

6.3. Implementation of this Policy forms an integral part of the University's Sustainability Strategy.