

《北京采取措施,减少一次性塑料品的使用》

Capital attempt to curb disposable plastics

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ON TUESDAY, the top legislature of Beijing passed a regulation on daily disposable garbage, which will come into effect on May 1, 2020. According to the regulation, fast delivery companies, hotels, and restaurants will be forbidden from using disposable plastic boxes and bags.

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It is common for people to use disposable plastic bags to wrap their breakfast on the way to office, get their meals delivered in plastic boxes, and put everything they buy from the supermarket in plastic bags.

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According to a Xinhua report that quoted a garbage processing center, the amount of garbage the center has to deal with every day has grown by over 2,000 tons since last year, the main reason for that being the rapid increase in fast food deliveries.

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A look at the data from food delivery companies is more shocking. Ele.me, Meituan and Baidu, the three giants of China's fast delivery food industry, receive about 60 million orders everyday. If each order contains one plastic bag and two plastic boxes, the boxes placed end to end in a line would be 2,400 kilometers long, more than 6 times the

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