



# Federal Discussion Paper on Single-Use Plastics

Item 8.6

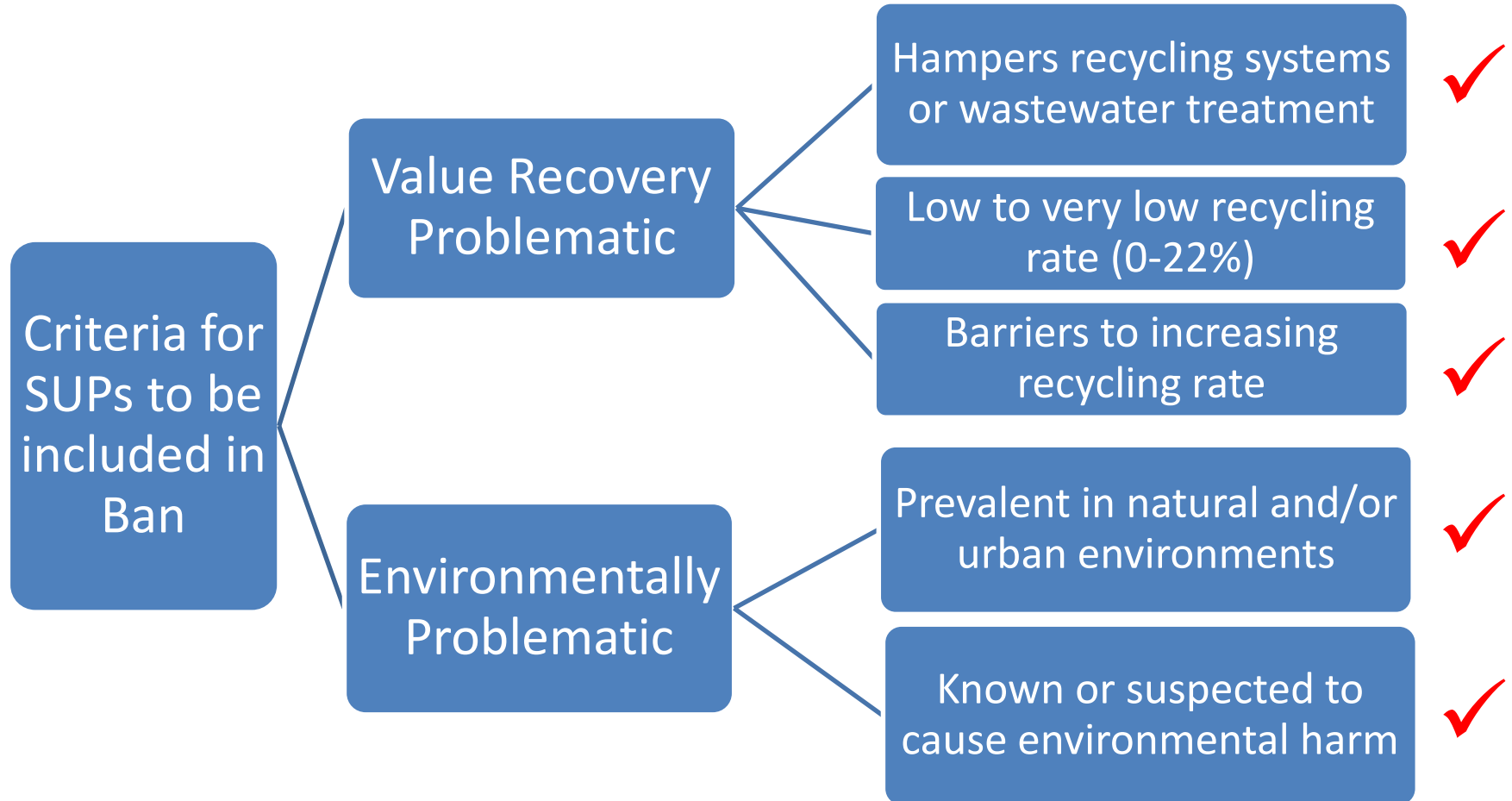
# Recent Federal Actions

- The single-use plastic strategy has been revised in response to the federal government releasing the following documents on October 7, 2020:
  - Final “Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution”
  - Discussion paper for comments “A proposed integrated management approach to plastic products to prevent waste and pollution.”

# Management Approach

- Long-term objectives of the integrated management approach to plastics:
  1. Eliminate certain sources of plastic pollution
  2. Strengthen domestic end-markets for recycled plastics
  3. Improve the value recovery of plastic products and packaging
  4. Support innovation and the scaling up of new technologies
- To accomplish these goals, the federal government will consider:
  1. Manage SUPs – through bans and/or restrictions in use
  2. Establish performance standards – reduce or eliminate environmental impact and stimulate demand for recycled plastics
  3. Ensure end-of-life responsibility – through EPR

# Criteria for Federal Ban



\*Certain SUPs meeting criteria considered for exemption based on use

# Items Proposed in Federal Ban

- Federal government is proposing regulations to ban certain SUPs
- Application of criteria determined 6 single-use plastic items eligible for inclusion in a ban:
  - Plastic straws
  - Plastic stir sticks
  - Grocery/take-out bags
  - Cutlery
  - Six-pack rings
  - Food packaging/service ware made from problematic plastics (i.e. polystyrene, black plastic, PVC, oxo-degradable or composite materials)

# Performance Standards

- Federal government is proposing regulations to require recycled content in plastic products and packaging. Regulations will establish:
  1. Minimum percentage of recycled content
  2. Rules for measuring and reporting
  3. Technical guidelines and related tools

# End-of-Life Responsibility

- Federal government is committing to work with provinces and territories to develop national targets for extended producer responsibility and to create EPR that is:
  - Consistent across multiple jurisdictions
  - Comprehensive by including all major sectors generating large amounts of plastic waste
  - Transparent by making companies accountable for meeting targets but allowing companies the freedom to determine how to meet them

# Next Steps for Federal Plan

- Review comments on discussion paper – comments due by December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Develop a regulation supporting the banning/restricting the use of the six items identified and guidelines for other items including regulatory impact analysis statement
- Develop a regulation requiring recycled content in plastic products and packaging