

## **POLICY ON MINIMIZING PLASTIC USE**

Poltava State Agrarian University (hereinafter referred to as PSAU) recognizes the negative impact of excessive plastic use on the environment and human health. The university is committed to implementing measures aimed at gradually reducing the use of disposable and non-recyclable plastic in all areas of its activities.

### **Scope:**

This policy applies to all structural units of PSAU, students, employees, contractors, suppliers, and visitors throughout the campus.

### **Definitions:**

1. **Plastic:** a synthetic material made from polymers, including disposable tableware, packaging, bottles, bags, etc.
2. **Minimization of use:** reducing the amount of plastic used by replacing it with alternative materials, reusing it, or refusing to use it.

### **Basic principles of the policy:**

1. Refusal to purchase disposable plastic tableware, packaging, and promotional materials.
2. Use of reusable or biodegradable alternatives in student cafeterias, at events, and in offices.
3. Prohibition of the use of plastic bags within the university.
4. Encouraging students and staff to use their own bottles, containers, and bags.
5. Installation of information stands on the harm of plastic and the benefits of environmentally friendly alternatives.

### **Implementation:**

1. Responsibility for implementing the policy rests with the PSAU environmental department.
2. The university provides the necessary resources to implement the policy, including the purchase of alternative materials and the conduct of educational events.

3. The policy is reviewed annually and updated in accordance with new environmental standards.

**Commitment:**

At PSAU we strive to create an environmentally conscious environment where minimizing plastic use is part of our daily culture. We believe that responsible use of resources today is the key to a sustainable future tomorrow.