

*These notes refer to the Environment (Wales) Act 2016
(c.3) which received Royal Assent on 21 March 2016*

ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3 – Charges for Carrier Bags

Section 55 – Requirement to charge

217. [Section 55\(1\)](#) provides that the Welsh Ministers must make carrier bag regulations. Carrier bag regulations are regulations which require sellers of goods to charge for carrier bags as specified in the regulations that are supplied in circumstances mentioned in subsection (3). These circumstances are either where the goods are sold from a place in Wales, or where they are intended to be delivered to a person living in Wales.
218. Subsection (4) provides that the carrier bags to which the requirement applies may be described by reference to their technical specifications such as a bag's size, thickness, composition, price and/or its intended use or a combination of any of these factors. Price was not specified as a factor in Schedule 6 to the Climate Change Act 2008.