



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

Executive Order No. 113
January 19, 1988

**PROHIBITION OF THE PURCHASE OF PRODUCTS
MADE OF POLYSTYRENE FOAM**

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. All mayoral agencies are prohibited from the purchase of products made of polystyrene foam, commonly known as "styrofoam".

Section 2. The Department of General Services and all purchasers of polystyrene foam products for use by mayoral agencies are directed to substitute non-disposable goods or paper products for polystyrene foam products. Whenever possible, these paper products should be made from recycled materials.

Section 3. The private purchase by City employees of polystyrene foam products for use at office functions, such as office parties, is discouraged.

Section 4. The Department of General Services is directed to assist each agency in identifying and purchasing appropriate products which comply with this order.

Section 5. If an agency determines that its use of a particular polystyrene foam product is essential to its function, it must seek a written exemption from the Commissioner of the Department of General Services. Such written exemption must demonstrate that all possible alternatives have been considered and none have been found to satisfy the requirements of the agency. Such exemption must be renewed annually.

Section 6. Effective date. This Order shall take effect ninety days after it is issued.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward I. Koch".

Edward I. Koch
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