

Disposable Carrier Bag Charge Report 2023

About the Disposable Carrier Bag Charge (DCBC)

Phoon Huat recognizes the critical role of businesses in tackling environmental challenges. In alignment with Singapore's Resource Sustainability Act 2019, we implemented a 10 to 20-cent charge¹ for disposable carrier bags across all retail outlets on 3 July 2023. This charge applies to all disposable bags, including plastic, paper, and biodegradable materials.

Our Responsibilities as a Retailer

Phoon Huat is committed to implementing the DCBC with transparency and accountability. All proceeds are dedicated to sustainability and community initiatives. This report provides updates on:

- Total disposable carrier bags issued
- Total DCBC proceeds collected
- Allocation of proceeds to support impactful initiatives.

About This Report

This report marks Phoon Huat's inaugural update on DCBC implementation, covering the period from 3 July 2023 to 31 December 2023. It outlines the measurable impact of the initiative and details the allocation of proceeds to sustainability and community programs.

External Assurance: An independent auditor has verified the number of disposable carrier bags issued, the total proceeds collected, and the application of these proceeds.

¹ Small to large-sized plastic carrier bags are charged at \$0.10/pc, while extra-large ones are charged at \$0.20/pc.

Sustainability Journey

Phoon Huat has consistently prioritized sustainability, from sourcing responsibly to reducing operational waste. The DCBC initiative builds on these efforts, helping us reduce single-use waste and promote eco-conscious practices.

Impact on Waste Reduction

Since the implementation of the DCBC, Phoon Huat has achieved significant milestones:

- Reduction in Usage: 40% fewer disposable bags issued compared to the same period in 2022.
- Reusable Bag Adoption: Over 55% of customers now bring their own bags, up from 20% pre-DCBC.
- Community Engagement: Distributed 5,000 reusable & eco-friendly bags.

Responsible Use of DCBC Proceeds

Sales Proceeds from Disposable Carrier Bag Charge (DCBC) Collected by Retail for the Period from 3 July 2023 to 31 December 2023

	DCBC proceeds collected Audited
Quantities of DCBC sold	36,786 pcs
Sales proceeds inclusive of GST	\$ 3,739.19
Less: GST at 8% paid to Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore	-\$ 276.99
Sales proceeds net of GST at 8%¹	<u>\$ 3,462.20</u>

Note 1:

The above sales proceeds has been designated for donation to TAA Ramadan Charity Campaign 2025 on 15 Feb 2025, an initiative by TAA Trust Fund (TAA). The fund raised by TAA would be used to better the well-being of the unfortunate community such as the frail elderly from vulnerable low-income families and those who face various health challenges and financial struggles throughout their life.

Key Sustainability Programs and Initiatives

Phoon Huat aims to:

- Eco-Packaging Transition: Launched biodegradable and reusable packaging options for RedMan products.
- Employee Engagement: Conducted training sessions to align staff with sustainability goals.

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