

**Plastic Shopping Bag<sup>1</sup> (PSB) Disposal Situation  
after Full Implementation of the PSB Charging Scheme in 2015**

In 2014 (Pre-Full Implementation of the current PSB charging scheme), it was estimated that about 5.24 billion PSBs were disposed of at landfills. Key data of past PSB disposal surveys conducted in 2015 – 2020 are summarised below:

Year	Total disposal			Per capita disposal		
	Number of PSB disposed of (billion)	Year-on-year comparison	Comparison with Pre-Full Implementation Level (i.e. 2014)	Per capita disposal per month	Year-on-year comparison	Comparison with Pre-Full Implementation Level (i.e. 2014)
2014	5.24	-	-	60	-	-
<b>Full implementation of PSB charging covering entire retail sector</b>						
2015	3.93	- 25%	- 25%	45	- 25%	- 25%
2016	4.30	+ 9%	- 18%	49	+ 9%	- 18%
2017	4.42	+ 3%	- 16%	50	+ 2%	- 17%
2018	4.51	+ 2%	- 14%	50	Unchanged	- 17%
2019	4.07	-10%	-22%	45	-10%	-25%
2020	4.18	+2.5%	-20%	47	+4%	-22%

<sup>1</sup> Disposal data of flat-top bag not included.