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Saudi Arabia –degradable plastic (OXO)

The European Union, supported by the US, expressed concerns with Saudi Arabia's new regulation requiring certain types of disposable plastics to be "OXO-degradable" and bear a specific mark to demonstrate compliance. The EU said that it appreciates Saudi Arabia's efforts in environmental protection, but it urged the kingdom to postpone the implementation of this measure until further scientific studies regarding the real environmental benefits of OXO-degradable plastics have been finalised and further exchanges on this matter have taken place.

Saudi Arabia said that it will delay the implementation of this measure until September 2019. Saudi Arabia said it launched a national study on the adverse impact of plastics on the environment, and asked the EU to provide any recent studies on this matter.