Qatar Duty Free switches to sustainable shopping bags in all Day2Day Essentials stores

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The Day2Day Essentials store at Hamad International Airport

<u>Qatar Duty Free</u> (QDF) <u>announced</u> its plan to replace 100,000 single-use plastic shopping bags monthly with reusable shopping bags on Earth Day in April, and has now put the plan into action for <u>World Environment Day</u>, whose campaign this year is #BeatPlasticPollution.

According to the company, the sustainable cotton shopping bags will be offered in all Day2Day Essentials stores at Hamad International Airport. They are reusable at least 500 times, vegan certified, and made from lightweight and locally sourced cotton.

Senior Vice President Qatar Duty Free, Thabet Musleh, said, "We are very proud of taking the first step towards transforming our shop floor into a sustainable space on World Environment Day. Sustainability is shaping the future of travel retail. As a key player in the industry, it is our responsibility to take the lead in promoting this initiative by adopting sustainable practices.

"Our step is the first amongst many significant decisions and actions we plan to take for a more sustainable and environmental-friendly retail experience. Sustainability has not only been a strong trend and is greatly discussed within the industry; however, it is now greatly desired and supported amongst travelers and duty free customers."