

# SOLUTION SHEET NO.7

## Plastic tea bag

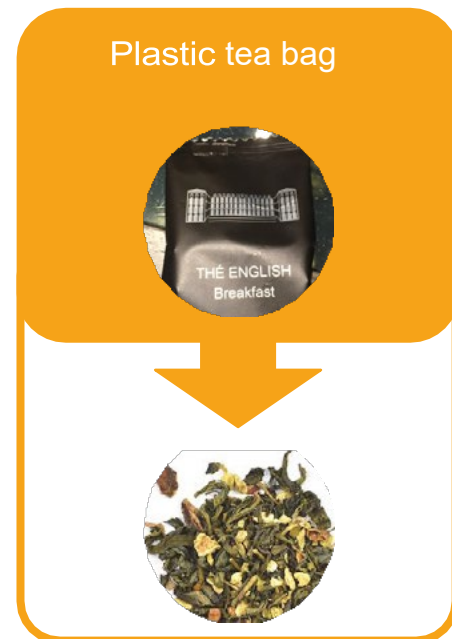
### Single-use plastic(s) concerned :

Plastic tea bag

**Space :** Room and breakfast buffet

### Usage description :

- In room: Tea bags are available on the courtesy tray. Guests prepare their own tea. Tea bags replaced daily if used.
- Breakfast buffet: Provision of tea bags, regular staff replenishment.



### Alternative chosen

In room: paper tea bag.  
At the breakfast buffet: loose tea  
+ teapot



### Alternatives not selected and why

- Reusable fabric sachet: discarded because of the complexity of maintenance (collection, washing) and the difficulty of keeping the fabric white after several uses.
- Compostable capsule or paper pod and tea machine: investment in machines, no packaging chain, lower quality tea and cleaning .
- Loose tea+ teapot in room: conservation and hygiene issues when independent handling by the customer.

### Environmental and social issues :

Loose tea+ teapot :

- A positive environmental record.
- Change is accepted by staff and customers.
- The alternatives enable us to offer customers better quality products.

Tea in paper bags

- No plastic at all, but single-use packaging.
- No change for customers or staff.

### OUR ADVICE



- Invest from the start in quality equipment so that you don't have to multiply your expenses.
- Ensure that new employees are involved/trained.
- Adapt to feedback from the field.



### Technical and economic information :

Buying tea in bulk ~40% cheaper than in bags. Investment required, amortisation after 19 months Suppliers: Table et Cuisine Pro, Alinea, La Maison du bon Café



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