

8A COMMUNICATIVE Good laws?

- a Read about some existing laws in different countries. In pairs or small groups, discuss whether you think each law is a good one, and whether you would like to have it in your country.
- b For each section write one new law that you would like to see introduced in your country.

Animals

1 Poland

If you have a dog, it must always wear a muzzle and be kept on a lead when you take it for walks.



2 Sweden

All animals which are kept inside a house / flat must have access to natural light.

3 New law

On the road

1 Germany

People who want to get a driving licence have to do a first-aid training course. They must also carry a first-aid kit in their cars.



2 Spain

Car drivers are not allowed to wear flip-flops while driving.

3 New law

In the street

1 Iceland

Teenagers aged between 13-16 are not allowed to be outdoors after 10.00 at night unless they are on their way home from a recognized event organized by a school, sports organization, or youth club. During the summer months they can be outdoors for two hours longer.



2 Italy

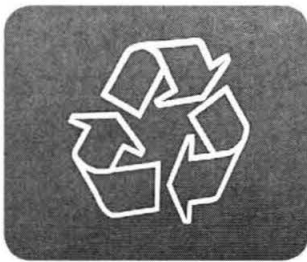
In Genoa, people are not allowed to walk around with a bottle of wine or a can of beer in their hand.

3 New law

The environment

1 Norway

When you buy a bottle or a can of drink you have to pay a deposit. When the bottle or can is empty, you take it back to a recycling centre where your deposit is refunded.



2 Mexico

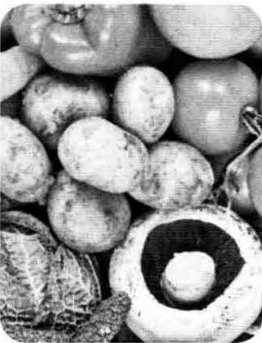
There is a complete ban on free plastic bags in Mexico City. Customers are charged if they want them, and the bags must be biodegradable.

3 New law

Food and health

1 Brazil

All Brazilian state-school children are given one free meal at school every day. 70% of this food has to be fresh, and the other 30% must come from local family farmers.



2 Japan

There is a special tax on food or drink which the government considers to be unhealthy. People who want to buy these things have to pay a lot more than they would for healthier options.

3 New law
