

**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 27 October 2020 11:37  
**To:** Denis Dunne  
**Subject:** Re: Drinks containers / DRS Deposit Return scheme submission/EU single Use plastic ban 2021  
**Attachments:** IMG\_20201027\_105114.jpg

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Hi Denis,  
Bcc. Ciarán Green Party rep for info in Europe as I don't know where the Greens are in Govt here in Ireland..

Denis, Thanks for your acknowledgement of my submission.

It was in my mind today and I came across 2 things pertinent to DRS today by way of follow up ..Item 1)One outlined below is something so relevant with health now biggest priority of governance and possible for change to take effect, that could really make a difference to Ireland's pandemic recovery and climate action goals.

2) attached image - addendum to words yesterday of local river through town-is a strong visual representation of why DRS on drinks receptacles particularly needed.. Plastic and glass bottle pollution.. I also see cigarette waste everywhere I go.. Its like that's just taken as acceptable.. Not in the forefront of people's minds enough with so much unconscious consumerism going on.. Those profiting hugely need to be held more responsible.

1)Why does [http://www.drugs.ie/news/article/free\\_service\\_to\\_dispose\\_of\\_unused\\_medicines\\_properly\\_dump1only\\_refer](http://www.drugs.ie/news/article/free_service_to_dispose_of_unused_medicines_properly_dump1only_refer) only to disposal? The hse is remiss in that the page has a space to leave a comment on this webpage but the capcha doesn't work so really comments closed there and doesn't seem like the policy being reviewed. There is too much pharmaceutical waste happening for many years.

Why can't the scheme allow for returned, sealed, in date blister packs for example to be redistributed? Similar premise to food cloud.

Each dept of govt needs to have targets with the snr civil servant being responsible along with policians for sanctions with the pharma expertise / equipment to ensure integrity of products received back would pay for itself in the efficiencies it would make.

Doctors prescribe but don't know really if product will be suitable fully /used completely until after it is tried or often the case perhaps the products work and no longer needed otr patients die and product is surplus. And when is often the case products not used it's shameful to completely discard perfectly good medication that could be of huge benefit.

What about rebates from manufacturers for a drugs return scheme with refunds to consumers/govt.. Whoever paid initially could be incentivised not to just bin everything and still do so in a safe way.

Le meas,  
[Redacted]

On Tue 27 Oct 2020, 10:53: [Redacted] wrote:

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Regards

[Redacted] Higher Executive Officer

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**Subject:** Drinks containers / DRS Deposit Return scheme submission

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Further submission of information in support of DRS for Ireland.

<https://www.enviro30.com/post/lithuania-introduces-plastic-deposit-scheme-and-within-2-years-has-a-92-recycling-rate>

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