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While I agree entirely with the need for a deposit return scheme, I have some thoughts on the current proposal, particularly in relation to the question: *The DRS study proposes a deposit per container of €0.20. Do you think this is appropriate? If not should it be higher or lower or should different deposit rates apply depending on container size?*

- 20c per can/bottle appears more punitive than beneficial. Comparisons are often drawn to similar return schemes in other EU member states, though the price of soft drinks and alcoholic drinks are considerably cheaper there than in ROI. The addition of 20c to a 330ml can of soft drink could see the price rise to around €1.70.
- This gives the impression that the 20c is another tax on these drinks, which have seen increases in price as a result of sugar tax and excise, along with upcoming minimum alcohol pricing.
- To be enough of an incentive, there could be an arbitrage between the money deposited, and the money collected on return (eg 10c deposited, 15c returned).
- The scheme, as is, does not discriminate by the size of the container either. The difference between a 150ml can and a 500ml can is significant.

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