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Dear All,

Thank you for your work on this scheme. I think it is long overdue and will be a benefit to society and the environment. I believe every effort should be made to reduce, reuse and recycle. I believe non-recyclable materials are far too widespread particularly in our supermarkets. I don't understand why they are not banned when alternatives are available. I hope this scheme is successful. I believe the objective is to incentivise the waste hierarchy in order and penalise the alternative.

The Report recommends a centralised, operational model for Ireland. Do you agree with this recommendation?

Yes

• If not, do you favour a: a) decentralised / financial DRS; or, b) hybrid.
N/A

• Are there other models you believe could work in an Irish context?
Not aware of any

• What role should waste collectors play in the operation of a DRS?

• 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 should be a minimum charge. I would favour 35-40c to incentivise returns.

• Consumers need to know about a DRS long before it becomes operational – do you have any suggestions as to how best the introduction of a DRS can be communicated to the public?
TV / social media campaigns

• What enforcement measures should be considered in parallel with the introduction of a DRS?
It is essential that producer led schemes have strict financial penalties rigorously enforced. Audits of reuse/recycling rates of collected items with high financial penalties if satisfactory recycling/reuse rates are not met. It cannot be more profitable for a producer to put virgin bottles/cans on the market. The market will not solve problems in relation to waste. The correct enforcement actions must be applied.

• How should cross-border issues be treated to ensure producers are not at a competitive disadvantage relative to producers in Northern Ireland?
I don't know.

Kind Regards,