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To: wastecomments
Subject: Deposit Return Scheme personal feedback

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Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is [Redacted] I am including in this mail my feedback for the Deposit return scheme as part of the public consultation process as a private citizen.

Feedback:

Overall I am strongly in support of this scheme. However I am disappointed that the proposed scheme would not include glass bottles. It appears to me that this incentivises the use of non-reusable containers over the infinitely and locally processable glass containers. It is my opinion that producers should be incentivised to make use of reusable containers first, and only if not suitable should use recyclable containers.

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

I would think that a decentralised model would work better in the Irish context.

- Are there other models you believe could work in an Irish context?

The model used in most of Germany to recycle Beer bottles is a system that I have experienced and found to be very effective from a consumer perspective.

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

There is the potential for the waste collectors to provide separate collection services for relevant containers and provide the consumer with a corresponding discount on their charges.

- 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?

The Amount seems reasonable, but I would imagine this is a figure that should be calibrated based on feedback and the performance of the scheme as it's running, ideally the figure would not be set in law and could be tuned easily. I would also be of the opinion that the deposit should reflect the environmental impact the container would have if it were to end up as litter, i.e. plastic bottles having a higher deposit than aluminium.

- 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?

I would recommend getting the message into the school system and engaging the young population.

Children can have a strong impact on the actions of their parents and relatives.

- What enforcement measures should be considered in parallel with the introduction of a DRS?

Spot fines for Littering which could be handed out by Councils.

- How should cross-border issues be treated to ensure producers are not at a competitive disadvantage relative to producers in Northern Ireland?

Ideally the scheme would be cross border.

Best Regards,

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