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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?

I think it should differ depending on the context of container size, .20 EUR for a small 500ml bottle, .30 EUR for a large 1.5L bottle. Similar to the system in denmark, I believe the best way to implement it is that all plastic bottles are made of solid rigid plastic that can be washed and reused rather than processed into a new shape.

I also believe it should apply to glass bottles as well. I cannot find the reasoning as to why glass bottles are not included in this submission.

In Denmark you can buy a crate of glass bottles containing drinks, and the entire crate and glass bottles can be returned. Glass, although structurally weaker and more expensive than plastic, could be encouraged more this way, and stops the issue of plastics in the environment (what happens to plastics at end of life?)

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

Living at the border, this is a non issue. No person I know will change their purchasing decisions based on a plastic bottle surcharge - they would be purchasing in northern ireland regardless. In fact, the incorrect idea that you "get money back" could even mean that people prefer to buy bottles in the republic instead.

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