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Hi,

I would like to offer my feedback on the Deposit and Refund Scheme. I think it is a brilliant idea that will take some time getting used to but has the potential to have the same impact as the plastic bag levy.

Consultation questions:

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

- i think producers should be responsible for the disposal of their items

If not, do you favour a:

b) hybrid.

- i think a hybrid model could be used to provide citizens with as many options as possible to take part in the return scheme. drinks producers could set up collection schemes in busy public areas like shopping centres etc. collections could also be made at the curbside or at civic dump sites. facilitating the collection will encourage people to take part but there also needs to be options for those without bin services.

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 be lower for the first phase of the scheme to introduce the concept to people and then raise it after a year or 6 months. I don't think there should be a difference in price based on size of the container, at least in the initial stage as this could be seen as unfair. A small uniform increase, like the sugar tax, should be put in place.

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?

- social media is a powerful tool that can reach many demographics, it would be an efficient way to spread information. furthermore there should be educational visits to schools and workplaces, along with regular news updates and ad videos on TV.

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

- the scheme should be considered at an Island wide level. It will be too complicated to manage the border system and may cause commercial difficulties. The scheme should be adopted in both northern Ireland and the republic to avoid complications. I am a northern Ireland native who has lived in the republic for 6 years. I would love to see this scheme be a cross border success.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my feedback on this matter.

Kind regards,
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