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Hello,

I have read through the proposal set out in <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/cf94c-deposit-return-scheme-consultation-on-potential-models-for-ireland/>. Generally this is a great initiative and I support the move.

However the above scheme is causing an inconvenience to every consumer (additional time consuming burden). I would expect to have this offset with clearly defined rules on how cash/money will be returned to a customer as it is very vaguely touched in the document.

By looking at other countries, which already implemented the scheme, retailers are issuing a "voucher" which is redeemable in the store you return the container to. If retailers are not restricted such an approach will be taken as it is benefiting retailers as they force customers to return. It is no question if such an approach is taken it would cause an additional inconvenience since vouchers are tied to a specific retailer and do not provide a free choice to spend returned deposit money on someone's discretion.

From the drawing in section ("7 How would a DRS operate?") it is understood that Retailer would be receiving a fee for handling the return scheme. In such a case it would be unfair if retailers avail of additional benefits by issuing restricted "spend" vouchers and forcing customer's choice as a result.

I would highly appreciate it if you could take my feedback into account and set the policy clearly in this regard. This would allow fair choice of use of someone's deposit money, without sacrificing the recycling goals.

Thanks

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Kind regards,  
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