

CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE GLASS PACKAGING RECYCLING BUSINESS TARGET TO 2017

Producer Responsibility
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Dear Consultee

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a consultation on whether to amend the glass packaging recycling business target in the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.

Consultation Options

The UK's Packaging Regulations and the corresponding Regulations in Northern Ireland require producers of packaging to ensure that a proportion of the packaging they handle is recovered and recycled. The proportion they must ensure is recovered and recycled depends on a) the amount of packaging they have handled, b) the activity they have carried out on that packaging e.g. retailing, pack filling etc and c) the UK/Northern Ireland business targets.

This consultation seeks views on amending the business targets for glass packaging.

The options are:

- a) Option 1 – Do nothing – keep the glass packaging recycling business target at 81%.
- b) Option 2(a) – Lower the glass packaging recycling targets to 75% and maintain the split between remelt and other applications at the same percentages.
- c) Option 2(b) – Lower the glass packaging recycling targets to 75% and amend the split between remelt and other applications.
- d) Option 3(a) – Lower the glass packaging recycling targets to 77% and maintain the split between remelt and other applications at the same percentages.
- e) Option 3(b) – Lower the glass packaging recycling targets to 77% and amend the split between remelt and other applications.

The UK Government does not have a preferred option. We therefore welcome views from respondents on which option is most desirable and the reasons

why. We would also welcome any further evidence and comments on the evidence provided in this consultation especially regarding the data which underpins the targets and impacts on the costs/benefits.

The Government's overarching aim is to have appropriate targets which ensure that the UK complies with the EU Packaging Directive targets whilst maximising the benefits for consumers, businesses and the environment.

Consultation process

This consultation paper is presented by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Scottish Government, the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland, and the Welsh Government. It can be found on the website: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?publication_filter_option=consultations

We are seeking your views on whether to amend the glass packaging recycling and recovery targets and to what level, and any additional information in support of your responses.

The consultation will start on 17 December 2013 and run for 1 month. Responses should be received **no later than Friday 17 January 2014**. The consultation is reduced to 1 month in order to make a decision by Budget 2014. If you wish to discuss the options in the consultation document and impact assessment, please contact the relevant administration – details below.

All responses should be sent by email to packaging@defra.gsi.gov.uk, or by post to Producer Responsibility, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Area 2B Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR.

Respondents in Scotland should also send their response to:

Tim Chant
Zero Waste Delivery Team
Environmental Quality Division
Scottish Government
1-D(N) Victoria Quay
Edinburgh
EH6 6QQ

Email: Timothy.chant@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Respondents in Wales should also send their response to:

Alex Hamilton
Waste Regulation Policy branch
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Email: waste@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Respondents in Northern Ireland should also send their response to:

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Please make sure that any email responses are clearly marked '**Glass Target Consultation Responses**'.

In your response, please explain who you are and, where relevant, whom you represent and give your name and appropriate contact details.

If you wish to receive a hard copy of the consultation document and impact assessment, please contact the relevant Administration.

Confidentiality & Data Protection

Information provided in response to this consultation document, including personal information, may be subject to publication or release to other parties or to disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004). If you want information, including personal data that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

Enquiries and Complaints

If you have any queries about this consultation you should contact Sarah Steeds by email sarah.steeds@defra.gsi.gov.uk or telephone on 020 7238 4346.

Complaints relating to this consultation should be sent to Ola Osinibi, Defra's Consultation Co-ordinator, Rm 629, 9 Milbank, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P

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Government consultation guidelines can be found at www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Steeds

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