

## **Consultation on changes to the plastic packaging recycling business targets for 2016 & 2017 and glass targets for 2018-20**

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Dear Consultee

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a consultation on whether to amend the recovery and recycling target for plastic and glass under the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations and the corresponding Regulations in Northern Ireland.

### **Consultation Options**

The UK's Producer Responsibility (Packaging Waste) 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 plastic and glass packaging.

The options are:

- a) Option P1 – Do not amend plastic targets then keep at 57% to 2020
- b) Option P2 – Amend existing plastic target to 48% in 2016 then increase by 1% each year to 2020
- c) Option P3 – Amend existing plastic target to 49% in 2016 then increase by 2% each year to 2020
- d) Option G1 - Do not amend existing glass target then keep at 77% to 2020
- e) Option G2 – Do not amend existing glass target then increase by 1% to 2020

**Option 3 is the UK Government's preferred option. We would however 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 UK 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 Northern Ireland Assembly and the Welsh Government. It can be found on the website: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste/plasticandglasstargets>

The consultation will start on 26 November 2015. Responses should be received **no later than 23 December 2015**. The consultation period has been reduced in order to make a decision by Budget 2016. 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](mailto:packaging@defra.gsi.gov.uk), or by post to Producer Responsibility, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Area 2B Nobel House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 3JR.

Respondents in Scotland should also send their response to:

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

Email: [Timothy.chant@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:waste@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

Respondents in Northern Ireland should also send their response to:

Janis Purdy  
Environmental Policy Division  
DoENI  
6th Floor, Goodwood House  
44-58 May Street  
BELFAST  
BT1 4NN

Email: [wslpr@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:wslpr@doeni.gov.uk)

Please make sure that any email responses are clearly marked '**Packaging 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.

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If you have any queries about this consultation you should contact Ian Atkinson by email [ian.atkinson@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ian.atkinson@defra.gsi.gov.uk) or telephone on 020 7238 4345.

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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### **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

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