**A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland**

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Yes

No

**CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**Questions on Policy Proposals**

**What materials will be collected**

Q1. Which of the options do you prefer? Please chose one or more options from below and explain your reasoning.

PET plastic containers

PET plastic containers and metal cans

PET plastic containers + glass containers + metal cans

PET plastic containers + glass containers + metal cans + HDPE plastic containers

PET plastic containers + glass containers + metal cans + cartons + disposable cups

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Q.2 Do you think the scheme should start with a core set of materials and then be expanded as appropriate? Please pick one.

Yes

No

Don’t know

Q2a. If yes, which materials should it start with?

PET plastic

Metal (aluminium and steel)

Glass

HDPE plastic

Cartons

Disposable cups

Q2b. If yes, which materials do you think should be added later?

PET plastic

Metal (aluminium and steel)

Glass

HDPE plastic

Cartons

Disposable cups

Q3. Are there any materials that you think should not be included? Please explain your reasons.

PET plastic

Metal (aluminium and steel)

Glass

HDPE plastic

Cartons

Disposable cups

Q4. Are there any other materials not already listed that should be included?

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Q5. Are you aware of any materials currently in development that should be included? For instance, there is currently a great deal of interest in making ‘bioplastics’ either from starch derived from plants or food byproduct streams. Whilst these can look and behave like plastic, it is often important to ensure they are kept separate from plastic in the waste stream as they are recycled differently.

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**What types of products will have a deposit on them**

Q7. Do you think the material the container is made from or the product it contains should be the key consideration for deciding the scope of the scheme?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q7a. If no, please explain your reasons

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Q8. Are there any product categories that should be excluded from the scheme? Please explain your reasons.

Ready to drink (soft)

Soft Mixer Products

Bottled water

Fruit and vegetable juice

Dairy

All distilled spirits with an alcohol by volume (ABV) of higher than 30%

All fermented alcohol products including beer, cider and wine. Also includes non-alcoholic versions of the above

All other alcohol not covered in the “distilled spirits” and “fermented alcohol” categories with a ABV less than 30%

All other drinks, not listed above, that can be purchased to drink on the go

Q9. Are there any product categories that you broadly agree with but think that certain products within them should be excluded? Please give us specific reasons for exempting anything.

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Q10. Are there any other products that broadly fall into the category of ‘drinks’ that we have not included that you think should be?

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Q11. Do you think that the deposit return scheme should be limited to “on the go” only? Please explain why.

Yes

No

Don’t know

Q11a. Do you agree with how we have defined on the go? Please explain your reasons.

Yes

No

Don’t Know

*Questions Related to Dairy Issues*

Q12. Specifically on dairy products, do you think including dairy carries hygiene or related risks above those posed by other products? Please provide evidence.

Yes

No

Don’t know

Q13. Should any dairy products be excluded from the system? Please explain your reasons.

All ready to drink milk and other dairy (fresh and long life)

All dairy alternatives.

Milkshakes

Flavoured milks

Milk based smoothies

Ready to drink coffee and tea drinks

Ready to drink yogurt and probiotic yogurt drinks

**Where you will be able to get the deposit back**

Q14. Which option for return location do you prefer? Please choose one and explain your reasons.

Take back to a place that sells drinks

Take back to a designated drop-off point

Mixture of take back to a place that sells drinks and designated drop-off points

Q15. In any model involving return to retail, are there any types of retailer that should be excluded? Please explain your reasons.

Yes

No

Don’t know

Q16. Do you agree that online retailers should be included in the scheme?

Yes

No

Don’t know

Q16a. What provisions do you think should be made to ensure online shopping is included successfully?

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**How the scheme will be paid for**

Q17. Do you agree that deposit return should be seen as a form of producer responsibility?

Yes

No

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Q17a. If yes, do you think deposit return would impact on other producer responsibility obligations? Please explain your reasoning.

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Q18. Do you think it is appropriate for the scheme administrator to maintain ownership and income from sales of the material? Please explain your reasons.

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q19. If the scheme administrator maintains ownership of the material, should it prioritise maximising profit from sales or should it seek to achieve additional benefits?

Maximise profit from sales

Pursue other benefits

Q19a. If you selected pursue additional benefits, which benefit should the administrator pursue?

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Q20. Should any excess funding or unredeemed deposits be ringfenced for the continued maintenance or improvement of the system, or do you think it would be appropriate to divert funding to other purposes?

Funding should be ringfenced

Use for other purposes

Q21. How would you define a producer?

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**How the scheme is communicated so everyone understands it**

Q22. Do you agree that producers should be required to put deposit return scheme-related information on each container?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q22a. If yes, should those putting small amounts of material onto the market in Scotland be exempt from this labelling requirement?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q22b. If so what do you think the limit for this should be?

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Q22c. Rather than be exempt, should small importers be required to put a label with deposit return-related information onto the existing packaging?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q22d. If no, what are your reasons?

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Q23. Which option for labelling do you believe offers the best balance between reducing potential for fraud and managing costs to producers and retailers?

No changes to current system

Specific barcode

High security label

Please elaborate

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Q24. Are there other security measures we should be considering, for instance heightened security measures at key return locations?

Yes

No

Don’t know

Q25. Do you have a preference for what level the deposit should be set at? Please explain your reasoning for choosing this level.

Yes

No

Don’t know

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Q26. Do you think that certain types of drinks containers should carry a different deposit level?

Please explain which ones and why you think the deposit should be varied.

Yes

No

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**What infrastructure to put in place, and the logistics involved**

Q27. Which sorts of take back do you think the system should include?

Reverse Vending Machines

Manual take back

Combination of the two

Q28. How should the handling fee paid to retailers be calculated?

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Q29. Do you agree with the assessment of the potential job creation of between 12 and 116 jobs? Please explain your reasoning.

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**How to create additional benefits from the scheme**

Q30. Do you think a deposit return scheme for Scotland should pursue any additional benefits?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q30a. Are there additional benefits we have not covered that you think should be considered?

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**Who owns the system**

Q32. Which option do you think offers the best system ownership model to ensure the primary goals of a deposit return system are met?

Industry operated not-for-profit

Privately owned and operated commercial operation

Public ownership

A combination of the above

Q33. How much emphasis should be placed on the system administrator achieving secondary benefits like ensuring Fair Work practices are followed and that the material collected is reprocessed in Scotland?

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Q34. What do you see as the main roles for a scheme administrator?

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**How the system is regulated**

Q35. Which option for regulating producers do you think is most appropriate? Please explain your reasons.

Regulation by an existing body, most likely Trading Standards or SEPA

The establishment of a new body to oversee regulation

Regulation by the scheme administrator

Q36. Which option for regulating return sites, including retailers, is most appropriate? Please explain your reasons.

Regulation by an existing body, most likely Trading Standards or SEPA

The establishment of a new body to oversee regulation

Regulation by the scheme administrator

Q37. What level of regulatory power do you think is appropriate for the system administrator?

Q38. In particular, do you think the administrator should have a role in approving products that go on sale to make sure they are compatible with the scheme?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q39. Do you agree that the Scottish Government should be responsible for regulating the system administrator?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q39a. If yes, should this be done via SEPA?

Yes

No

Don’t know

Q39b. If no, what other organisation should undertake this role?

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**Questions on Example Systems**

Q40. Which example do you think best matches the ambition of a deposit return system to increase the rate and quality of recycling and reduce littering?

Example 1 Take back to designated drop-off points

Example 2 Take back to dedicated drop-off points and some shops (with cartons and cups)

Example 3 Take back to any place of purchase

Example 4 Take back to any place of purchase (with cartons and cups)

Q41. Do you agree with the assessment of Example 1?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q42. Do you agree with the assessment of Example 2?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q43. Do you agree with the assessment of Example 3?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q44. Do you agree with the assessment of Example 4?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

Q45. How do you think the NPV model could be further developed? What other factors should be included in the models?

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Q46. What economic risks or opportunities do you see in introducing a deposit return scheme in Scotland?

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Q47. Do you see particular risks with any of the examples?

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Q48. What action do you think we could take to maximise the opportunities and minimise the risks of any of the approaches?

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**Co-operation with the UK Government**

Q49. Do you think being part of a UK-wide system would be beneficial for deposit return in Scotland? Please explain your reasons.

Yes

No

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Q50. Do you think having compatible but separate systems would achieve the same effect as a single system? Please explain your reasons.

Yes

No

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Q51. Can you identify any risks with being part of a UK system?

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Q52. Can you identify any risks with not being part of a UK system?

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**Equality Impact Questions Cross Referred to the EQIA**

Q53. Have we correctly assessed potential impacts?

Yes

No

Don’t Know

54. Do you think the proposed mitigation is comprehensive?

Yes

No

Don’t Know