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Pursuant to Article 53(4) of the Act on Sustainable Waste Management (*Narodne Novine* (NN; Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia) No 94/13, 73/17, 14/19 and 98/19), the Government of the Republic of Croatia, at its session on 16 January 2020, adopted the following

**DECREE**

**AMENDING THE DECREE ON MANAGEMENT OF PACKAGING WASTE**

Article 1.

In Article 1 of the Decree on Management of Packaging Waste (NN No 97/15), paragraph (2) shall be added after paragraph (1), which reads as follows:

‘(2) This Decree is issued with due regard for the notification procedure laid down by Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services (OJ L 241, 17.9.2015).’

Article 2.

Point 1 of Article 2 shall be deleted.

Existing points 2 to 5 shall become points 1 to 4.

Existing point 6, which becomes point 5, shall be amended to read as follows:

**‘**5. beverage means an alcoholic beverage; soft beverage; table, natural mineral water and natural spring water; fruit syrups, fruit juices and nectars, milk and liquid dairy products, and other liquid products with fruit or another base; and any other additive which, packed with the liquid base, constitutes an integral primary packaging unit.’

Existing point 7 shall become point 6.

Existing point 8, which becomes point 7, shall be amended to read as follows:

‘7. producer and importer of products (hereinafter ‘producer’) means a legal entity or a natural person - craftsperson or a natural person who develops, produces, processes, sells, introduces or imports or places on the Croatian market products in packaging.’

Existing point 9 shall become point 8.

Article 3.

In Article 4(2), the words ‘in cooperation with the agency’ shall be replaced with ‘in cooperation with the Ministry’, the words ‘waste glass and waste plastic’ shall be replaced with the words ‘waste metal, glass, and plastic’, and the words ‘disposal cost’ shall be replaced with the words ‘processing cost’.

Article 4.

Article 5 shall be amended to read as follows:

‘(1) The deposit refund amounts to HRK 0.50 per packaging unit for beverages.

(2) The deposit refund amount is not taxable.’

Article 5

Article 6 shall be amended to read as follows:

‘(1) The producer shall pay the deposit refund amount referred to in Article 5 of this Decree to the Fund when marketing beverages in packaging covered by the deposit refund system.

(2) The obligation referred to in paragraph 1 of this article shall be calculated on a quarterly basis, pursuant to the Rules.

(3) When taking over beverage waste packaging covered by the deposit refund system, the seller and the recycling site manager shall pay the consumer (holder) the deposit refund amount referred to in Article 5 of this Decree.

(4) The Fund shall reimburse the seller and the recycling site manager for the deposit refund amount paid to consumer, as well as the collector for the following costs of takeover and handover of beverage packaging waste:

1. for manual takeover of beverage packaging waste:

– HRK 0.08 (including VAT) per packaging waste unit for 2020

– HRK 0.06 (including VAT) per packaging waste unit for 2021

– HRK 0.05 (including VAT) per packaging waste unit for 2022 and onwards

2. for mechanical takeover of beverage packaging waste:

– HRK 0.14 (including VAT) per packaging waste unit for 2020

– HRK 0.16 (including VAT) per packaging waste unit for 2021

– HRK 0.18 (including VAT) per packaging waste unit for 2022 and onwards

(5) The Fund publishes the list of sellers and recycling sites that are obligated to takeover beverage packaging waste from consumers on its web page.’

Article 6

Paragraph (3) of Article 7 shall be amended to read as follows:

‘(3) The management fee by product unit for registered amounts of marketed beverage packaging shall amount to HRK 0.10 per unit of packaging in which the beverage is sold in disposable PET, Al/Fe and glass packaging with volume equal to, or higher than 0.2 l.’

Paragraph (4) shall be added after paragraph (3), which reads as follows:

‘(4) By way of derogation from paragraph 3 of this Article, the management fee per product unit for milk and liquid dairy products shall amount to HRK 0.02.’

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISION

Article 7

The deposit refund and management fee per product unit for packaging from milk and other liquid dairy products and for packaging with volume equal to 0.2 l shall be paid from 1 January 2021.

Article 8.

This Decree shall enter into force on the eighth day following its publication in the Official Gazette**.**

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