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Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
Single Market Enforcement
Notification of Regulatory Barriers

Notification Number : 2024/7004/XI (UK/Northern Ireland)

The Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024

Date received : 25/04/2024

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Message

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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késéset - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidējimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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1. MSG 701 IND 2024 7004 XI EN 25-04-2024 XI NOTIF

2. UK/Northern Ireland

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3B. Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Resources and Waste Directorate, Deposit Return Scheme, Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street, London

4. 2024/7004/XI - S00E - ENVIRONMENT

5. The Deposit Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024

6. Environment

7.

Directive (EC) N° 94/62 on packaging and packaging waste

A Deposit Return Scheme for drink containers (DRS) introduces a deposit on single-use drinks containers, which is refunded upon return of the empty container. The deposit provides a financial incentive for consumers to return empty drinks containers for recycling. The DRS in England and Northern Ireland will include single-use drinks containers up to 3



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litres. In England and Northern Ireland, materials included are polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic bottles, steel and aluminium cans.

8. A Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers (DRS) introduces a deposit on single-use drinks containers, which is refunded upon return of the empty container.

9. Current recycling rates in the UK for drinks containers (70%) are lower than other countries that have a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS), leaving approximately 4 billion plastic bottles and 2.7 billion cans that are not recycled every year, ending up in litter, landfill or incineration and creating pollution and a demand for virgin materials. A well-designed DRS could achieve recycling rates of 90% or higher.

10. References of the Basic Texts: No Basic Text exists

11. No

12.

13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects:

The draft is a technical regulation or a conformity assessment

SPS aspects: No

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