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Dear Dept of the Environment, Climate and Communication,

I welcome the consultation on a Deposit Return Scheme for beverage containers.

Such a scheme is long overdue in Ireland, I have experience of such a scheme in use in Germany as far back as 1994 (including glass bottles).

In addition to applying to PET plastic bottles and aluminium beverage cans, the scheme should also include glass bottles. There is no logical reason why it should not.

The scheme should be extended to replace single use plastic beverage "glasses" at all events such as concerts and matches. I understand that this was being trialled in the Aviva Stadium in February 2020, it has been possible at the Electric Picnic since 2008 and is in widespread use in stadiums in the UK.

In addition, work is needed on reducing the amount of composite materials in beverage containers. I acknowledge that it is outside the scope of this consultation.

I have some concerns in relation to the Decentralised / Financial DRS in relation to genuine industry compliance. What levels of monitoring will be in place, or will it be totally self regulated?

If the Centralised model is the most common form of DRS across the EU, it would make sense to follow this model.

I believe that the €0.20 deposit per container is an acceptable level.

There has to be genuine levels of penalties for non compliance.

How are cross-border issues dealt with in other EU countries, even those with borders with non-EU countries?

Regards,

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