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I, EAMON RYAN, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, having regard to section 4 of the European Communities Act 2007 (No. 18 of 2007), and in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 29(4)(f) of the Waste Management Act, 1996 (No. 10 of 1996), and for the purpose of giving further effect to Directive (EU) 2019/904/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastics on the environment<sup>1</sup> which imposes obligations on the State that relate, in whole, to matters to which the said section 29(4)(f) relates, hereby make the following regulations:

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations “Principal Regulations” means the Separate Collection (Deposit Return Scheme) Regulations 2024 (S.I. No. 33 of 2024).

**Amendment of Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations**

3. Regulation 2(1) of the Principal Regulations are amended by substituting the definition of “distributor” for the following definition:

“ “distributor” means a person who sells or supplies an in-scope product by wholesale but shall not include a producer, and “distribute” shall be construed accordingly; ”

**Amendment of Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations**

4. The Principal Regulations are amended by substituting for Regulation 5(1)(e) the following:

“ (e) establish and maintain a register of all retailers who are exempted from the obligation to take back in-scope bottles and in-scope containers under Regulation 14(2)(f); ”

5. The Principal Regulations are amended by substituting for Regulation 5(1)(l) the following:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No L155, 12.6.2019, p.1

“(l) issue a certificate of exemption to retailers who are exempted from the obligation to take back in-scope bottles and in-scope containers under Regulation 14(2)(f);”

### **Amendment of Regulation 19 of the Principal Regulations**

6. The Principal Regulations are amended by substituting for Regulation 19(2) the following:

“(2) An authorised person may exercise the powers conferred on such a person under section 14 of the Act of 1996 for the purposes of enforcing Regulations 13(1), 13(2), 13(3), 13(4), 13(5), 13(6)(a), 13(6)(b), 13(6)(c), 13(6)(d), 13(6)(e), 14(1)(a), 14(1)(b), 14(1)(c), 14(2)(a), 14(2)(b), 14(2)(c), 14(2)(d), 14(2)(e), 14(2)(f), 14(2)(g), 14(2)(h), 14(2)(i), 14(3)(a), 15(1)(a), 15(1)(b), 15(1)(c), 15(1)(d), 15(1)(e), 15(1)(f), 15(1)(g), 15(2)(a), 16(a), 16(b), 16(c), 16(d) and 16(e) of these Regulations and, accordingly, a reference to that Act includes a reference to these Regulations.”

### **Amendment of the First Schedule to the Principal Regulations**

7. The Principal Regulations are amended by substituting for the First Schedule the following:

#### **“First Schedule**

#### **Deposit to be charged in accordance with Regulation 18 of these Regulations**

Deposit for an item mentioned in column (2) of the Schedule at any reference number opposite is fixed at the amount mentioned in column (3) of that Schedule at that reference number.

Reference Number (1)	Item (2)	Amount (3)
1	In-scope products ≤ 0.5 litres	€0.15
2	In-scope products > 0.5 litres	€0.25



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GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
22 October, 2024.

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Minister for the Environment,  
Climate and Communications.

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