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The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations(Northern Ireland) 2015

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations(Northern Ireland) 2015

6. Products Concerned

These Regulations amend the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 ("the 2007 Regulations"). The 2007 Regulations impose on producers the obligation to recover and recycle packaging waste in order to attain the recovery and recycling targets set out in Article 6(1) of Council Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste (OJ No. L 365, 31.12.1994, p.10, as last amended by Commission Directive 2015/720/EU (OJ No. L 115, 6.5.2015, p.11-15). The 2007 Regulations were amended by the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 ("the 2014 Regulations"); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

7. Notification Under Another Act

- Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste

8. Main Content

Following a review and public consultation, some requirements of the UK regulations have been identified as burdensome on business and can be removed or undertaken in other ways, without impacting on the UK's overall ability to efficiently and effectively achieve its packaging recycling obligations.

It is estimated that these changes will save businesses in the region of £2 million pounds per year, allowing them to focus more of their resources on environmental and economic aims, rather than administration.

These Regulations will reduce administrative burdens on business and will specifically:

- i) remove the requirement for producer compliance schemes and larger producers to develop, agree and follow an operational plan, with the essential elements now being contained within new conditions of approval to ensure that schemes continue to function efficiently and effectively;
- ii) transfer responsibility for agreeing approvals to operate a compliance scheme from the appropriate authority to the appropriate agency; and
- iii) allow the approved person to delegate their responsibilities for signing-off reports to an appropriately qualified deputy; defines a definition for "delegate"; and requires notification to the appropriate agency.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs to business and the voluntary sector in respect of the above can be found in the link attached.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds



Some of the current regulations impose unnecessary administrative burdens on businesses and the resultant savings can be more effectively utilised to achieve environmental and economic aims.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No Basic Text exists

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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