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The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Regulations 2014

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Fiscal Measures : Yes

Message

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Directive 98/34/EC

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Regulations 2014

6. Products Concerned

Single use carrier bags (either plastic, paper or other plant-based material), as a bag:

- (1) made wholly or mainly of paper, plant-based material or natural starch, and not intended for multiple reuse.
- (2) if it is a plastic bag which—
 - (a) is not as specified in paragraph (3), or
 - (b) is as so specified, and is not intended for multiple reuse.
- (3) The specifications are that—
 - (a) the height and width are each greater than 404 millimetres,
 - (b) either the height or the width are greater than 439 millimetres, and
 - (c) the bag is manufactured from material which is greater than 49 microns in thickness.
- (4) A bag is intended for multiple reuse if—
 - (a) it is purchased by the customer, and
 - (b) when the bag is worn out, it is returnable to the seller to be replaced free of charge by another such bag.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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

8. Main Content

Introduces a £0.05 charge for all single use bags (as defined in section 6) supplied by all retailers (who either sells goods from a place in Scotland or sells goods which are intended to be delivered to persons in Scotland).

Introduces a requirement to keep and publish records of:

- (a) the number of single use carrier bags supplied by the supplier which are liable for the charge,
- (b) the gross proceeds of charge,
- (c) the deductions from the gross proceeds for VAT and reasonable administrative costs,
- (d) the net proceeds of charge, and
- (e) the purposes to which the net proceeds of charge have been applied.

Introduces criminal penalties (fines) for failure to comply with the regulations

Draft regulations available here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/waste-and-pollution/Waste-1/latest/CarrierBagsScotlandRegs>



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The main policy drivers to this instrument are the requirement to reduce the amount of litter in Scotland and Scotland's Zero Waste Plan, which sets out actions to deliver important changes to how Scotland treats and manages waste.

Research indicates that 750m carrier bags are dispensed by supermarkets in Scotland, which equates to 11.7 bags used per person per month. If all retailers in Scotland were counted, this figure would be higher. The application of a charge will significantly reduce the number of bags being dispensed and therefore potentially becoming litter; it will also encourage reuse of bags and other items to improve sustainability of material use.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: SUCB Charge - Accompanying Document

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

Yes

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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