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## The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

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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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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

#### **6. Products Concerned**

These Regulations amend the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 ("the 2007 Regulations"). The 2007 Regulations impose obligations on producers 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 364, 31.12.1994, p.10, as last amended by Commission Directive 2013/12/EU (OJ No. L 37, 8.2.2013, p. 10-12)). The 2007 Regulations were amended by the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 ("the 2013 Regulations"); there are other amending instruments but none is relevant. These Regulations change the recycling and the recycling by re-melt targets for glass for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 imposed by the 2007 Regulations, as amended by the 2013 Regulations. A full impact assessment on the effect this instrument will have on the costs to business and the voluntary sector is attached as a separate document.

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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

#### **8. Main Content**

The UK's current domestic packaging waste targets deliver a 68% recycling rate against the 60% EU target for glass packaging recycling. We will be amending these domestic targets to better reflect more up to date industry data thereby achieving the EU glass packaging recycling target more accurately.

We propose amending the overall target for 2014 from 81% for obligated business to 75% and then increasing incrementally to 76% in 2015 and 77% in 2016 onwards, with an associated incremental increase in the re-melt/aggregate split - to 65% in 2014, 66% in 2015 and 67% in 2016 onwards. These increases reflect our continuing ambition on increasing recycling and promoting a more resource efficient economy.

The targets reflect new and better evidence of both the total levels of glass packaging being placed on the market/available for recycling and the proportion available for re-melt.

This approach will reduce the target with the immediate effect to a level which will reduce PRN prices. However, setting an incrementally increasing glass target gives industry a clear investment signal and time to invest. This should enable higher recycling rates to be delivered in future at a lower cost than currently possible.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The current targets mean that obligated businesses are incurring greater costs that need be to meet the EU target. Reducing the targets should mean that the costs will be reduced for those businesses.



**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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