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# Circular Economy Update

## DETE Retail Forum

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# Focus on Single Use Plastics

Banned from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

- products made of oxo degradable synthetics
- balloon rods *except for industrial or other professional use*
- cotton tips *medical use excepted*
- polystyrene foam food and drink containers and cups
- straws *medical use excepted*
- stirrers
- cutlery
- plates

EPRs by 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

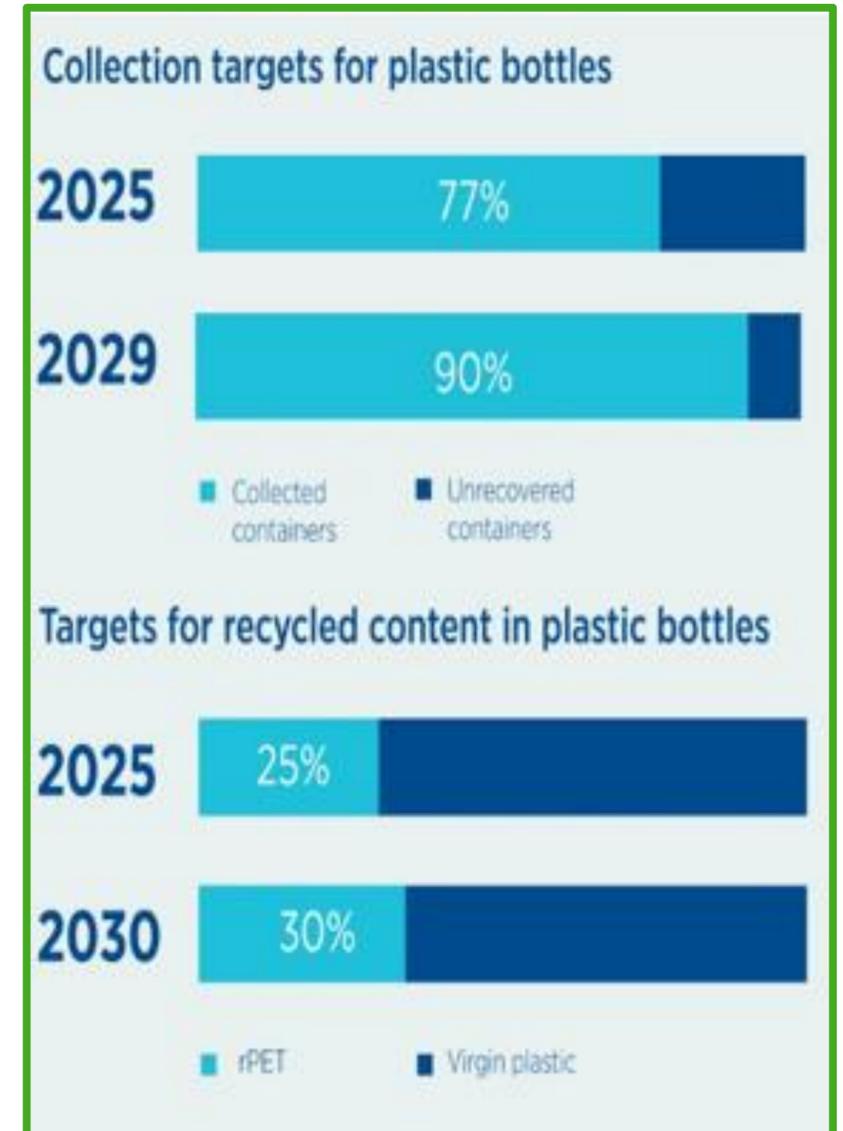
- filter tobacco products
- Bags and wrappers
- drinking cups
- Light carrier bags
- 1-person food packaging

EPRs by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024

- moist towelettes
- balloons
- fishing gear



Product markings



# Extended Producer Responsibility



- New costs for producers under SUP Directive
- Awareness raising measures
- Waste collection discarded in public collection systems, including infrastructure and its operation, transport and treatment of waste.
- Cleaning up litter (from this waste) and transport and treatment.





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## Coffee Cup Levy

1. July 2022 Circular Economy Act is signed into law.
2. Sept. 2022 Draft regulation on environmental levy (hot beverage disposable cups) notified to European Commission via TRIS online notification across EU.
3. Oct. 2022 Public consultation launched
4. Nov. 25th Consultation ends:
  - Customer survey: 1,314 individuals
  - Retail survey: 430 entries
  - Other stakeholders: 70 : broken down as:
    - Environmental groups: 2
    - Individuals: 6 + 575 individuals (an organization submitted on behalf of individuals sharing the same views)
    - Industry: 41 (Retailers associations, producers, supply chain players, ETC – approx. 33% very similar)
    - Public sector: 2



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## Consumers – total 1,314

Q.	Consumers Questions	Top result	
1	How many take-aways p.w?	Up to 5	710
2	Own a reusable?	Y	785
2(a)	Frequency of use?	Up to 5	448 (not everytime)
3	Aware of Deposit/Return?	N	526
3(a)	Use D/R?	N	325
4	Price display encourage reuse?	Y	812
5	Levy to encourage reuse?	40c 60c 20c Others	292 273 254 180 (66 favour €1)
6	Exemptions	Y	812 (Health/compostable/homeless +events)
7	Challenges to reusables	Remembering	735 (inconvenience/washing)



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## Retailers – total 430

Questions	Top result	
Business size	10-49	248 (82 – medium)
Currently offer discount	Yes	320
Level of discount	20c	242
Will discount after levy	Yes	Small fall off
Price display encourage reuse?	No	160
Awareness of Deposit/Return	Yes	130 (No 29)
Do you operate a D/R?	No	114 (yes 6)
Levy to encourage reuse?	20c	137
Timeframe to introduce	1 year	265 (<1yr 132)
Exemptions	Y	Compostables x200
Revenue as collection agent	N	206 (yes 196)
Alternative collector		No clear alternative
Accounting period	Annual	25 (Quarterly 19)
Challenges	Customer confusion	150 (H&S next at 140)
Supports	Waste infrastructure	20 (next education and awareness at 15/guidance at 14/D&R at 13)



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## Other Stakeholders – total 625

Individuals	581	575 from organised campaign
Industry	41	Retailers associations, producers, supply chain etc
Environmental Groups	2	
Public Sector	1	EPA



