



Retail Forum Working Group Minutes: Future of Retail – Green Transition

15 November 2023

Meeting 8

CHATHAM HOUSE RULES APPLY

Attendees: Appendix A

Minutes: The minutes from this meeting are to be agreed under Silence Procedure and will be available on www.enterprise.gov.ie

Item 1: Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees.

Item 2: Presentation from Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on EU Eco-design for Sustainable Product Regulation

Comments Arising:

- *What is the timeline for the destruction of unsold goods?*
- *List of goods in scope sought.*

Item 3: Presentation from the Department of Environment, Climate, Communications on Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulations

Comments Arising

- *Concerns about some aspects of the Deposit Return Scheme including ineligible bottles and cash refunds.*
- <https://www.mywaste.ie/> and communications assets.
- [Home - Re-Turn](#) very good site
- *Concern about unregistered DRS retailers which may impact customer refunds.*
- *Information about [Home - Re-Turn](#) and registration forwarded to Retail Forum members on 14 November 2023.*
- *Members advised to check FAQs on [Home - Re-Turn](#)*

Item 4: Working Group Actions

Comments Arising

- *Members asked to forward topics they would like to discuss at Working Group meetings.*

Actions:

- Copy of the presentations to be forwarded to Working Group members [Copy of presentations issued to members on 15 November].

Appendix A

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Attendees

Organisation	Representative
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Chair)	Marian Cassidy
Chambers Ireland	James Kiernan
CSNA	Vincent Jennings
Hardware Association Ireland	Martin Markey
IKEA	Martyn Allen
LEO Network	Joe Lowe
Marks and Spencer	Emmanuelle Hopkinson
Musgrave	Marcus Shortall
Retail Ireland	Samira Nicolo
SEAI	Ali Donnellan

Apologies

Organisation	Representative
Primark	Emma Ormond
RGDATA	Tara Buckley

Presenters

Organisation	Representative
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Aisling McCarthy
Department of Environment, Climate and Communications	Bernie Kiely