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Resources & Waste – Business Readiness Forum

Tuesday, 14 May 2024

Agenda

10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and Introduction	Kayti Boorman, Host, Stakeholder Engagement
10:05 – 10:35	Delivery Progress	Emma Bourne, Director
10:35 - 10:50	Public List of Large Producers (PLLP) & EPR Data Reporting	Peter Collins, Head of Digital, Mark Simmons, Digital Lead and Jonathan Coldicott, Policy Advisor
10:50 – 11:00	EPR SI and notification	Joel Roberts, Senior Policy Advisor, EPR
11:00 – 11:10	DRS	Helen Little and Stuart Miller, Policy Leads, DRS Engagement

Agenda *(continued)*

11:10 – 11:25	Simpler Recycling in England	Jesse Duggal, Senior Policy Advisor, Simpler Recycling
11:25 – 11:35	Single-use Vapes	Suzanne Stafford, Recycling Lead
11:35 – 11:45	Roundup, Questions and Close	Host



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Resources and Waste Reforms Roadmap 2024 - Delivery Progress

Key:

Packaging EPR

Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)

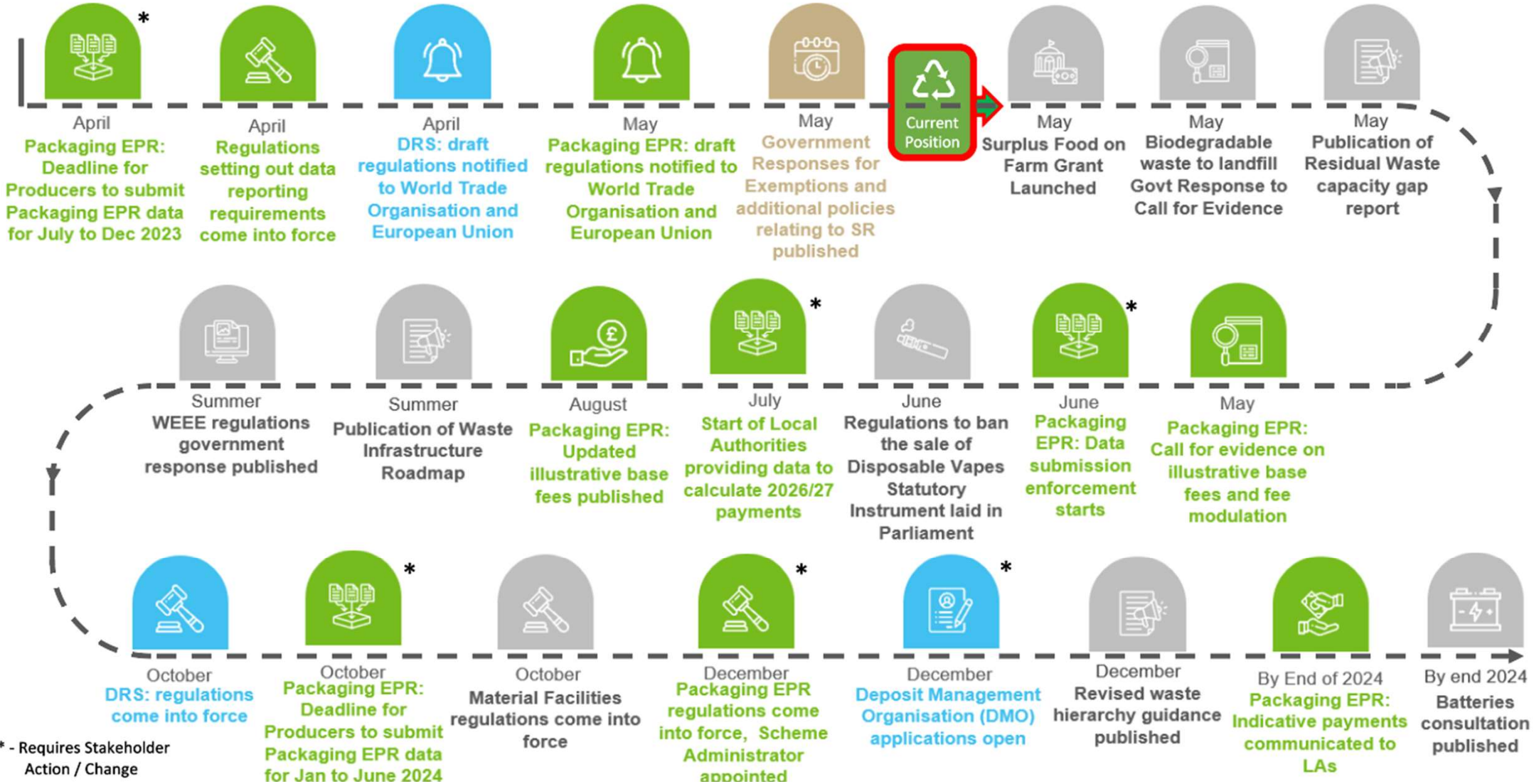
Simpler Recycling (SR)

Digital Waste Tracking (DWT)

Other

Correct as of 14 May 2024 – Dates shown are subject to change

2024



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2025



January
PRNs issued against data reported in Packaging EPR Scheme



January
End of Local Authorities providing data to calculate 2026/27 payments



Winter 24/25
Textiles Government response published

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March
SR: Collection of dry recycling and food waste required for all business (excl. Micro firms)



March
Post Implementation Review on straws and cotton buds

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April
Packaging EPR: Deadline for Producers to submit data - July to Dec 2024

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Spring
Textiles regulations consultation opens

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2026



March
Packaging EPR: First LA payments received



October
Packaging EPR: Producer invoices issued



October
Packaging EPR: Deadline for Producers to submit data - Jan to June 2025

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May
Packaging EPR: Confirm producer invoice value



April
Digital Waste Tracking Service Go Live

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April
Deposit Management Organisation (DMO) appointed



April
Regulations to ban the sale of Disposable Vapes Statutory Instrument comes into force

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Spring
Consultation opens on near elimination of biodegradable waste to landfill

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2027+



March
SR: Collection of dry recycling and organic waste for households

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April
Packaging EPR: Deadline for Producers to submit data - July to Dec 2025

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March
SR: Collection of dry recycling and food waste for Micro-firms. Collection of plastic film by all

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April
Packaging EPR: Full compliance with Labelling requirements

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October
DRS Go Live

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2027/28
Packaging EPR policy review

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Jan 2028
Producers of drinks containers made of PET plastic, aluminium and steel become subject to Packaging EPR obligations until a DRS is operational for this material

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** - Subject to GE

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Extended Producer Responsibility - Report Packaging Data updates

Public List of Large Producers (PLLP), File Validation
and EPR data reporting

Report Packaging Data – new functionality

- **You must submit your data by 31 May or face enforcement action!**
 - The latest update to the Report Packaging Data (RPD) service allows for the resubmission of packaging data, including:
 - Providing the ability for direct producers and compliance schemes to resubmit their packaging data for a given submission period. This can only be done when regulators have either rejected or accepted their previous submission.
 - Providing direct producers and compliance schemes the ability to view the history of what packaging data they have reported, grouped by submission periods.
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Report Packaging Data – changes to file validation

- To further improve the quality of data, additional validations have been introduced to the Report Packaging Data (RPD) service.
 - These changes will ensure that organisational data uploaded to the service will be assessed against a number of criteria to identify errors and potential issues.
 - An error message will inform the user of any errors in your data file, and how you can fix them before they can be submitted.
 - A list of all new validations will be sent out alongside this PowerPoint after this session.
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Report Packaging Data – 2023 data reporting update

- To date, there are **5824** enrolments on RPD from large producers, but:
 - **2148** producers have submitted their packaging data
 - **2152** producers have submitted their organisation details.
 - A regulatory Position Statement has set out that no enforcement action will be taken about late submission if your data is submitted by **31st May 2024**.
 - You should still make your best efforts to submit your data as soon as possible – this will help us accurately calculate fees and disposal costs.
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Public List of Large Producers (PLLP)

2. Find out what packaging data you need to report

[Packaging data: what to collect for extended producer responsibility](#)

2 May 2024 Guidance

[Extended producer responsibility for packaging: how to assess household and non-household packaging](#)

11 March 2024 Guidance

[List of large producers on the report packaging data service](#)

2 May 2024 Research and analysis

Research and analysis

List of large producers on the report packaging data service

This is a list of large organisations ('producers') who have reported their data using the report packaging data (RPD) service.

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Documents



[List of large producers to 16 April 2024](#)

CSV, 352 KB

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Report Packaging Data – what do producers need to do?

- Large producers must report their packaging data to the regulator by creating an account on the new Report Packaging Data (RPD) online service via Gov.uk and enrolling as a producer.
 - You can use your account to:
 - tell us your organisation details
 - report packaging data
 - tell us if you're working with a compliance scheme
 - If you need help enrolling with RPD or have a question about it, you can contact the service helpdesk.
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Report Packaging Data – Report Organisation Details

- After you have enrolled on RPD, you will need to submit your organisation details, including:
 - address
 - packaging activities
 - the people who'll be verifying and submitting your data
- You may also need to report additional details for your organisations, such as brand information or partner information.
- You should submit your organisation details in a CSV file. There is guidance on Gov.uk to help you do this, including how to structure your CSV file, or downloadable templates.

Report Packaging Data – Report 2023 Placed on Market data

- Small organisations should collect your 2023 packaging data - you do not have to report this year
 - Large organisations in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland should submit packaging data by:
 - 1 October 2023 to report for January to June 2023
 - 1 April 2024 to report for July to December 2023
 - In 2023, obligated producers in Wales do not have to report data from January to June, but may choose to report that data if they wish.
 - **This report is in addition to the normal report that was due into National Packaging Waste Database by 7 April**
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Report Packaging Data – Report 2023

Placed on Market data

- Your packaging data submission must include the information about the:
 - packaging activity – this is how you supplied the packaging
 - packaging type – for example, if the packaging is household or non-household
 - packaging class - whether the packaging is primary, secondary, shipment or tertiary
 - packaging material and weight
 - For a detailed description of the different types of data you need to submit, please see guidance on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)
 - You should include all the required packaging data in a single CSV file. You'll be able to upload this file to the report packaging data (RPD) service.
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Report Packaging Data – access IT support

- It is important that you act now to submit your packaging data before the 31 May deadline.
 - If you need help submitting your packaging data or interacting with the RPD service, you can contact the Defra service helpdesk for support with the following activities:
 - Telephone: 0300 060 0002
 - Email: EPRCustomerService@defra.gov.uk
 - You can access guidance on how to report your packaging data on Gov.uk, as well as templates and examples to help you construct your data file.
 - Bite Size Learning Videos have been produced on the Defra YouTube channel, providing step by step guides to help you create an account for your organisation and report your packaging data. We will share the links via the next R&W newsletter
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Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)

DRS Updates – Overview

On 25 April 2024, UK Government announced a series of DRS updates. This included:

- A **Written Ministerial Statement (WMS)** to Parliament summarising the latest updates on DRS.
- A **joint policy update with the Devolved Administrations** on interoperability and DRS delivery date.
- A **UK Government only statement** outlining UK Government's position on glass drinks containers in DRS in England.

On the same day, the **DRS legislation** (the Statutory Instrument) progresses to EU and WTO notification.

DRS Implementation Timeline

Phase 1

Regulation and Deposit Management Organisation(s) (DMO) appointment - by Spring 2025

- Regulations in place in all administrations, and DMO(s) appointed.

Phase 2

Deposit Management Organisation(s) (DMO) set-up - Spring 2025 to Spring 2026

- This phase allows time to establish the DMO(s) as an organisation that is capable of running DRS on behalf of industry in each administration and providing businesses with the information needed to prepare for DRS launch. This will include securing funding, appointing a leadership team, and designing and publishing decisions on key operational areas.

Phase 3

Roll out - Spring 2026 to Autumn 2027

- This phase allows time for businesses to make the changes required for DRS. It includes the DMO(s) establishing the necessary national collection and IT infrastructure, retailers procuring and installing Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs), labelling activity, system wide testing and commencement of consumer engagement.

October 2027: DRS launch



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Deposit Return Scheme Interoperability Positions

	Agreed Policy Approach	Rationale
Registration and Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single registration process managed by DMOs. • Annual registration fee removed and cost covered from unredeemed deposits and sale of material. • Any residual cost added to container fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplify registration process and reduce burden for producers.
Reciprocal Takeback and Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any PET, Aluminium or Steel container purchased in the UK can be returned anywhere in the UK. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce complexity in logistics and support UK wide logo.
Deposit Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be aligned across the UK, DMOs must work together to agree the level. • DMO(s) can set a variable level (material, size or type). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the risk of fraud and scheme complexity.
Container Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Containers between 150ml and 3l in scope of all DRSs. • Containers outside of scope of DRS in pEPR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small containers jam RVMs. • Alignment with ROI.
Labelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of a DRS logo and a single approach to identification marking (barcode or QR code). • Requirements will be set by DMOs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce fraudulent / erroneous returns. • Simplify DRS for businesses and consumers.
Low Volume Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product lines with less than 5000 units p/a eligible for exemption. Still required to meet reporting obligations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove disproportionate impact on very small producers.



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DRS Legislation for England and Northern Ireland

SI Overview

The Deposit Return Scheme for Drinks Containers (England and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024

- set the framework within which the scheme will operate
- establish the scope, types of drinks containers and define drinks producers, importers and retailers

Place obligations on

- drinks **producers** to label products and charge a deposit when they supply the drink into the UK, and to meet recycling targets
- **retailers** to participate, charge a deposit, take back in-scope drinks containers, refund the deposit, pass containers to the Deposit Management Organisation (DMO) and display necessary consumer information
- the **DMO** to meet collection targets, pay retailers, recycle collected containers and pay national enforcement authorities

Provide powers for

- the DMO to set the deposit level, prescribe labels, interact with other schemes, set producer fees, calculate handing fees for return points and exempt some return points
 - the national enforcement authorities
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Legislation Overview

Enables

- Interoperability of schemes across the UK by permitting the DMO to takeback containers from other schemes and allowing the DMO to pay and be paid by other scheme operators
- Reviews of DMO decisions and appeals

Sets Out

- The conditions of appointment of the DMO, including operational plan and reporting requirements, general governance as well as revocation of the DMO appointment
- Rules which the DMO must follow in setting producer fees and return point handling payments
- Enforcement - offences, breaches, civil sanctions and penalties

Responding to industry feedback

The need to...	Action taken
Minimise impact on small producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have exempted Low Volume Product for product lines under 5000 containers from carrying a deposit. This will ensure the smallest producers, and specific lines of drinks will not need to adhere to labelling changes or other components of the scheme or pay producer fees for these products – reducing the impact upon them.• We have ensured there are no upfront registration fees for producers and no cost to registering in all the UK nations. Fees will be paid on a 'per-container' basis, proportional to the volume a producer is placing on the market.
Ensure the scheme does not place unnecessary requirements on retailers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have not mandated online takeback of containers from day 1 and will look to the DMO to expand takeback services over time and on a voluntary basis.• We have balanced the need for a robust return point network with the need to reduce unnecessary coverage by automatically exempting retailers under 100m2 in urban areas from hosting a return point, even if they sit within a larger business.• We have also automatically exempted hospitality venues, food to go stores, schools, gyms, sports or recreation centres, community centres, and mobile caterers. but will be able to apply to host a voluntary return point.• Other retailers will be able to apply to the DMO for a manual return point exemption if they meet the criteria in the regulations.• Retailers can also operate closed-loop or hybrid systems, and they have the option to operate a return point on a voluntary basis.

Responding to industry feedback *(continued)*

The need to...	Action taken
Place control of the scheme in the hands of the DMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The DMO will have the power to set a fixed or variable deposit level (based on container size, material or type).• It will also control labelling, sale of material, fees, marketing and cooperation with other schemes.• UK DMOs will be able to make payments to each other and work collectively to deliver a frictionless interoperable scheme.
Build consultation and industry engagement into scheme design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On key areas including producer fees, retailer handling payments, and deposit level we have built the need to consult with affected parties into the legislation.• This will also be assessed at application stage to ensure the DMO is representative of industry as a whole and meets the needs of all businesses operating within the scheme.

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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Main Statutory Instrument (SI)

Main SI

- On 1 May 2024 the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024 were notified to the European Union (EU) in respect of Northern Ireland under the Windsor Framework and the labelling requirements have been notified to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to meet the UK's obligations as a member state.
- As part of the notification process, the full draft Regulations are available for stakeholders to view on the WTO Technical Barriers to Trade notification portal.
- Following the notification, standstill periods are observed of 60 days for the WTO and 90 days for the EU. The legislation will then be brought before parliament to come into force by the 1 January 2025.

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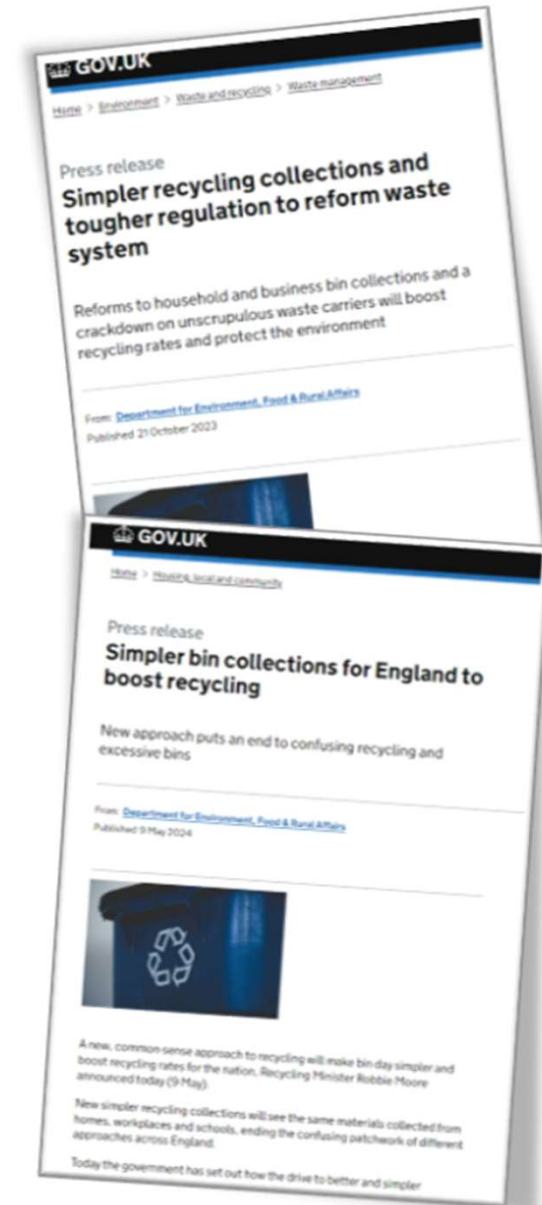


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Simpler Recycling in England (SR)

What is the latest announcement?

- On 21 October 2023, we published the government response to the Simpler Recycling consultation, formerly titled Consistency in Recycling in England.
- We also launched:
 1. Consultation on additional policies related to Simpler Recycling in England,
 2. Consultation with relevant parties on exemptions and statutory guidance for Simpler Recycling in England.
- Both consultations closed on 20 November 2023.
- On **9 May 2024** we published the government responses to both these additional consultations.



Consultation on exemptions and statutory guidance

Consulted on:

- proposed exemptions to the requirement for separate collection of recyclable waste
- statutory guidance for Simpler Recycling legislation

Key outcomes of the consultation:

1. We will proceed with the proposed exemptions:
 - An exemption to allow for co-collection of the dry recyclable waste streams together in one bin/container;
 - An exemption to allow for co-collection of food and garden waste together in one bin/container.
 - No requirement for a written assessment to co-collect
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Consultation on exemptions and statutory guidance *(continued)*

2. The final statutory guidance will be published after the relevant regulations are made in 2024.

Key decisions include:

- We will not include statutory guidance on building flexibility into local authority contracts – we will provide non-statutory guidance instead to support local authorities
- We will continue to review the evidence base and policy around caddy liner use
- We will state that local authorities should provide a minimum service frequency for residual waste collections of at least fortnightly in England (alongside weekly food waste collections)
- Anaerobic digestion continues to be our preferred treatment option for food waste, while composting remains permitted




Consultation on additional policies

Consulted on:

- Expanding the list of relevant non-domestic premises in scope of the new requirements;
- Including an additional question in the upcoming digital waste tracking service.

Key outcomes of the consultation:

1. Decision to include all proposed additional relevant non-domestic premises in scope 
2. Additional question to be included in the upcoming digital waste tracking service being introduced from April 2025 (subject to parliamentary approval of the secondary legislation).

Non-household municipal (NHM) premises in England

Number of full-time equivalent employees:	MICRO	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE
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- Businesses



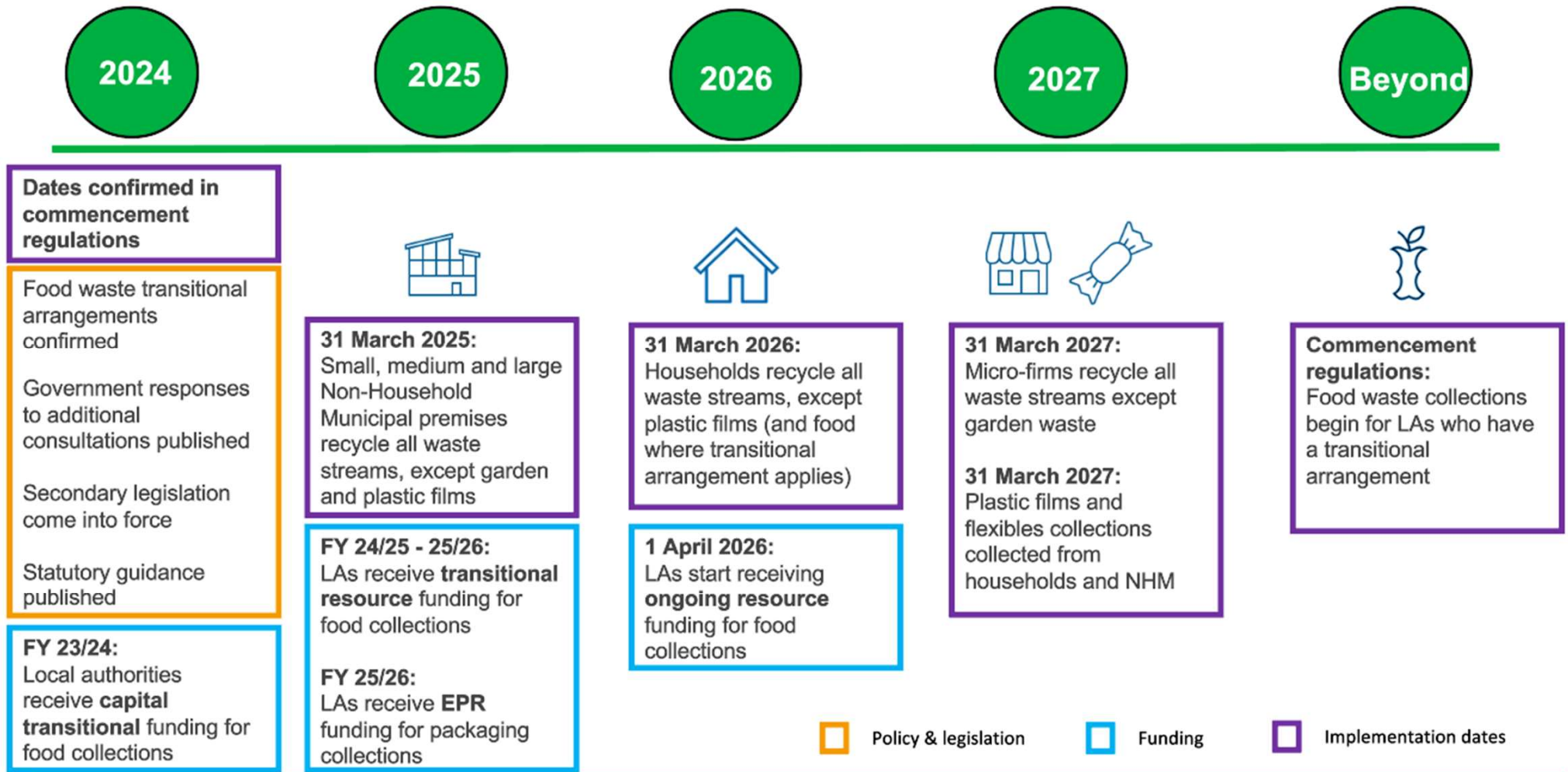
- Residential homes
- Educational establishments
- Hospitals or nursing homes



Additional non-domestic premises in scope:

- Places of worship
- Penal institutes
- Charity shops
- Hostels
- Public meeting places

Simpler Recycling in England – Timeline to delivery





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Non-Household Municipal Waste





Communications




Non-Household Municipal Communications

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- Small-large NHM (10 or more FTE employees) will need to comply by 31 March 2025
- We are developing a communications strategy for NHM premises to support with meeting the requirements
- Our aim is to provide resources that could be used to communicate the requirements to NHM premises
- We are intending to develop a toolkit for local authorities and other Waste Collectors (downloadable assets)
- We welcome input from the sector as to what would be most useful

Digital	Templates & Branding	Press & Media	Guidance	Training
Animations	Posters / leaflets	Radio ad content	Checklists	Webinars
Videos	Bin stickers	Articles	Case studies	Workshops
Social media content	Event assets	Press release templates	FAQ pack	
	Branding pack		Evaluation guide	
	Photo/icon library		Flow charts	



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Poll – have your say

Next steps on NHM Communications

- We will use the results from today's surveys to help inform the first phase of Simpler Recycling communications work, to be delivered later in 2024
- We will continue to engage and test toolkit with stakeholders
- We will use the learnings from the first phase of this work to inform the communication strategy for households and micro-firms which have later implementation dates



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Single-use Vapes

Single-use Vapes

- On 29 January the UK Government confirmed it would implement a ban on disposable or single-use vapes.
- Legislation will be brought forward using powers under The Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- On 11 March draft regulations were published and available for comment up until 25 March.
- We received 57 written representations about the draft regulations. Most comments received related to concerns about enforcement.

Single-use Vapes

- The draft regulations have been updated to strengthen enforcement provisions. Further powers added include a mechanism for seizure of products by trading standards, an ability to penalise owners of businesses selling disposable vapes and have strengthened investigatory powers.
- The draft regulations were notified to the WTO on 10 April.
- Any comments received following WTO notification will need to be considered before finalising and laying legislation.
- We still anticipate legislation coming into force from 1 April 2025 and will be keen to work with stakeholders on communicating the ban in due course.

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Round Up | Communications and Engagement Update

Navigate forward

Planned Engagement Events

- UK Soft Drinks Conference (15 May, London)
- Local Authority Workshops (13 May, London; 22 May Manchester)
- LetsRecycle.com Conference (6 June, London)
- Environmental Packaging Summit (26-27 June, London)
- Local Government Association annual conference (2-4 July, Harrogate)
- Environment Services & Solutions Expo (11-12 Sept, NEC Birmingham)
- London Packaging Week (11-12 Sept, London ExCel)
- UK Construction Week (1-3 Oct, NEC Birmingham)
- LARAC Conference & Awards (9-10 Oct, NEC Birmingham)

Next Meetings

Business Readiness Forum:

- Tuesday, 4 June 2024 10:00-11:30am

Local Authority Forum:

- Wednesday, 5 June 2024 14:00-15:30pm

Waste Management Forum:

- Thursday, 6 June 2024 10:00-11:30am

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