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Business Readiness Forum

Resources & Waste

3 October 2023

Housekeeping

- We are using a webinar format for the meeting today
- There is no question function for this Business Readiness Forum presentation - please use the 'raise hand function' when prompted!

Agenda

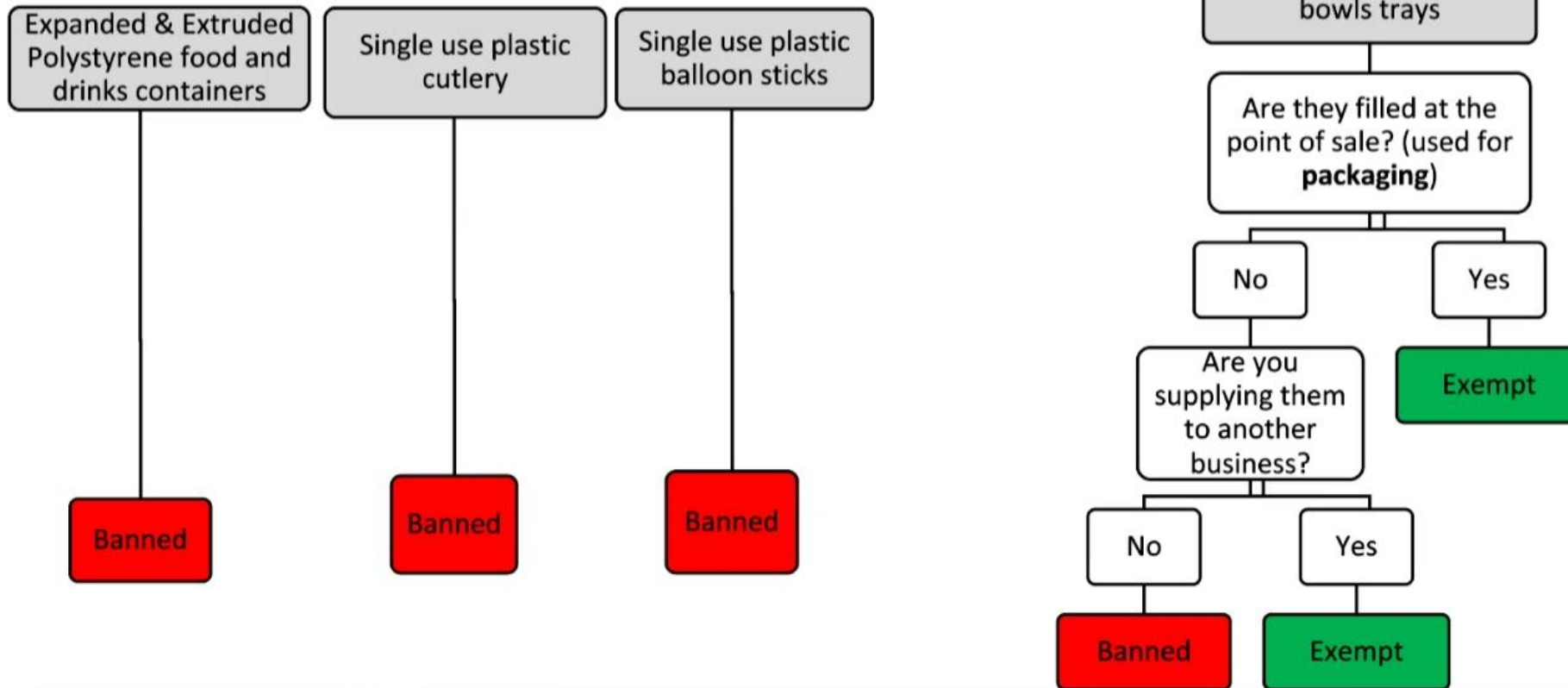
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and updates	Kayti Boorman, Stakeholder Engagement, Resources & Waste
10:05 – 10:15	Single Use Plastic (SUP)	Maria Alemao, Plastics and International Policy
10:15 – 10:30	Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)	Shehab Choudhury, DRS Team Lead, Stakeholder Engagement and Business Readiness
10:30 – 10:45	Eco-Modulation of EPR Fees	Dr Martina Di Fonzo, pEPR Fees and Payment Calculator Team
10:45 – 10:50	EPR SI Consultation	Kayti Boorman, Stakeholder Engagement, Resources & Waste
10:50 – 11:00	October Engagement Update, Round – Up, Next meeting, Close	Kayti Boorman, Stakeholder Engagement, Resources & Waste

Single Use Plastics (SUP)

Maria Alemao, Plastics and International Policy

Single Use Plastics (SUP)

Are you ready? From 1 October 2023, it will be an offence to supply or sell the following items in England - [Guidance](#) for businesses has been published:



Questions



Deposit Return Scheme (DRS)

Shehab Choudhury, DRS Team Lead, Stakeholder Engagement and Business Readiness

Context: DRS in England, Wales, and NI (and Scotland)

- Introducing a DRS is a joint policy programme across England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The scheme is due to **go live on 1 October 2025**. Scotland is developing a separate scheme, due to go live at the same time.
- We continue to work with the devolved administrations to support successful DRS delivery across the UK.
- There have been two consultations on DRS in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (2019 and 2021). The 2021 consultation received **2,590 total responses** and **83% of respondents expressed support for DRS**.
- Response published in January 2023

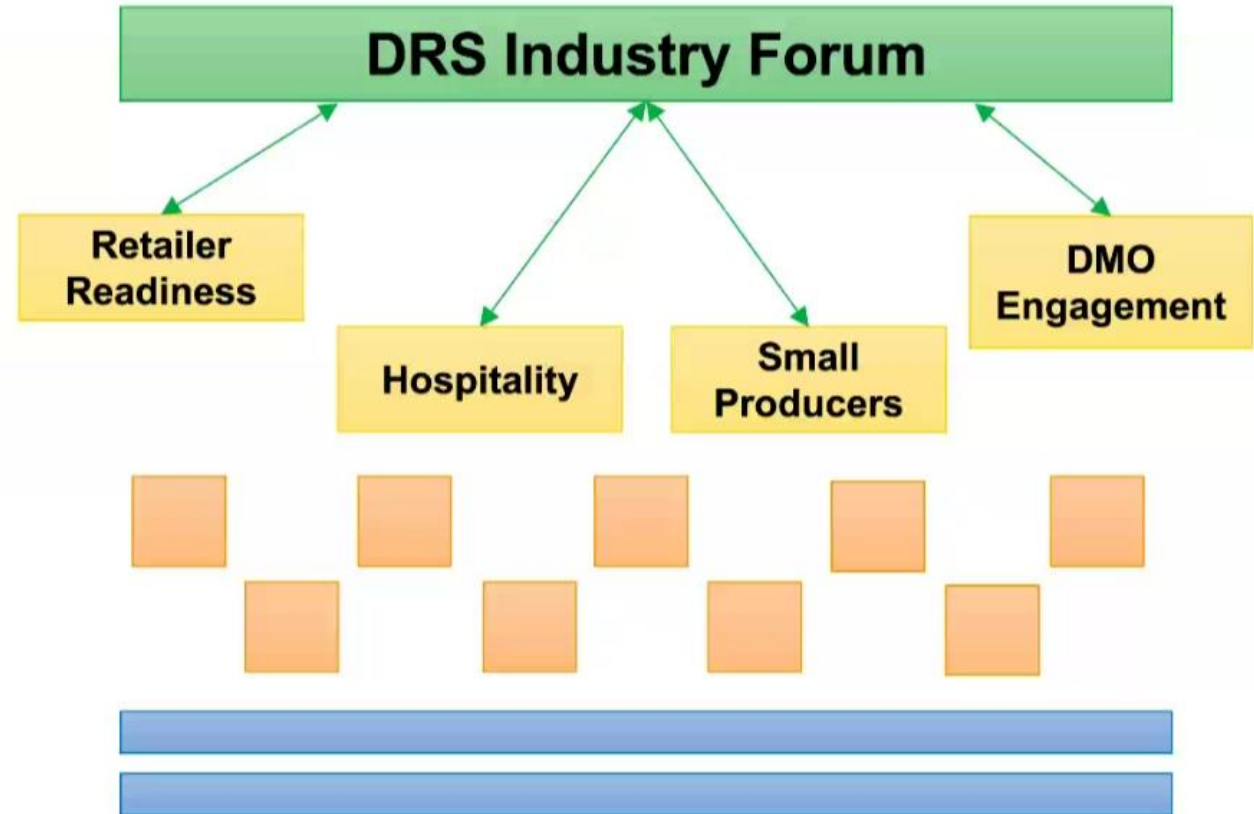
4-Nation DRS Engagement Approach

Overarching quarterly forum engaging with trade associations and representative bodies. Stakeholders to receive updates from Defra and the DAs.

Focused **sub-groups** to “workshop” specific topics with both TAs and individual orgs. This could also be in the form of short **industry sprints** (e.g. SI)
Request for operational leads

Bilateral meetings: one-to-ones with key stakeholders throughout the year

Existing Forums: use existing forums to engage sectors



Next Steps

DRS go live is October 2025. Immediate priorities are set out below:

Engagement	Continue with four-nation stakeholder engagement	
	Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Finalising regulations (taking into account interoperability work)- SI European Union / World Trade Organisation notification- Parliamentary procedures- Progressing work on Price Marking Order with Dept for Business & Trade- Progressing work on VAT with HM Treasury- Progressing work on permitted development rights with Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
	DMO appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ongoing engagement with industry to identify potential applicant- Development of DMO application template and supporting guidance- Designing DMO application assessment/approval process

Questions



Eco-Modulation of EPR Fees

Dr Martina Di Fonzo, pEPR Fees and Payments Calculator Team

Modulated Fees Principles

- From 2026/27 (year 2 of EPR) fees will be adjusted (modulated).
- In the early years, modulation will reflect recyclability, ensuring against any unintended outcomes. Our current intention is that modulation will be extended to include wider environmental criteria in the future.
- Fee rates for more recyclable packaging will be lower than less/non-recyclable packaging of the same material type to incentivise producers to use packaging that attracts a smaller fee and is easier to recycle.
- The scale of the modulation will initially be set by the four nations, and later by the Scheme Administrator.
- **A modulation approach is being developed to establish modulation rates by early 2024.**

Illustrative Modulated Fee Formula

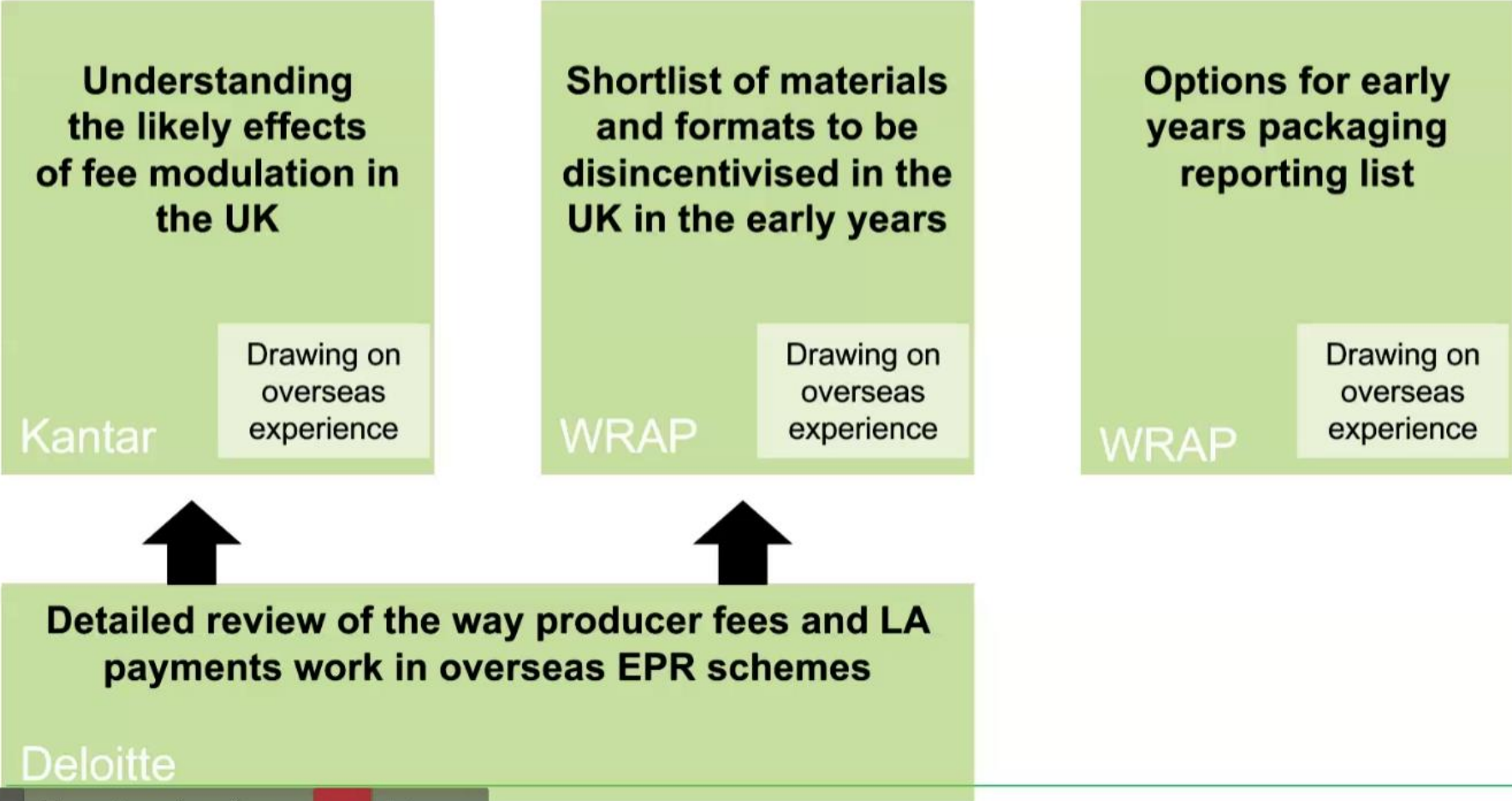
$$\text{Modulated fee} = \text{Material base fee} \times \text{Modulation factor}$$

Base fee for the broader material category

Factor used to modulate.
>1 means increasing above the base fee.
<1 means reducing below the base fee.

- The full set of modulated fees will be set to cover overall disposal fee costs – some packaging will receive an increased fee, others will receive a decreased fee.
- E.g. We may choose to assign PVC a modulation factor of 1.2. This would mean that PVC packaging attracts a 20% higher fee than the plastic base fee. Other, more recyclable plastic packaging would receive a reduced fee.

Evidence informing our thinking



Participatory Design

- How can we design a scheme that incentivises producers to switch to more recyclable materials?
- What can we learn from other schemes?
- Which materials should be incentivised and disincentivised?
- How extensive should the packaging reporting list be in order to accommodate modulation now and in the future?
- How do we design formulae for modulated fees that will deliver the systemic changes new are looking for?
- What should our direction of travel be – speed and scope? Can we create a modulated fees roadmap?

1 Some black plastics



2 PVC



3 Polystyrene



4 Some plastic films (multi-material)



5 Compostable and degradable plastics



6 Non-PE non-PP foamed plastics



7 High wet strength paper and card



8 Some coated papers



9 Paper and card with too much foil embossing



10 Some fibre-based composites

11 Paper and card with double-sided lamination

12 Glass with attached ceramics



13 Some packaging in the 'wood' and 'other' category



Opportunities for participatory design on modulated fees: Obligated Producer Focus

Designing specific aspects of fee modulation	Designing the vision for fee modulation	Designing an approach for 'difficult' materials	Discussing drivers of producer choices	Reviewing and commenting on proposals
<p>London Packaging Week</p> <p>Presentation, exhibition stand and drop-in clinic for producers on modulated fees detail</p>	<p>Whole value chain workshop with breakouts to flesh out short, medium and longer term vision across the whole value supply chain</p>	<p>Online roundtable + surgery for producers with non-substitutable packaging</p>	<p>Webinar presentation on Kantar's research with breakouts for discussion</p>	<p>Online survey for the whole value chain to feedback on proposals for modulating fees in the early years of packaging EPR</p>
Producers Compliance schemes	Whole value chain	Producers Compliance schemes	Producers	Producers Compliance schemes
ExCel London	Leonardo Royal Hotel London Tower Bridge	Online	Online	Online
Open to all exhibition attendees	Max 200; open registration with a quota of places for producers	By application (details of the process by end September)	Open to all via online registration	Open to all
		w/c 6 November	Early to mid November	Mid November – early December

Opportunities for participatory design on modulated fees: Sessions aimed at other groups

Designing specific aspects of fee modulation				Reviewing and commenting on proposals
<p>LARAC Conference Session on why modulation matters, taking views on which packaging ought to be disincentivised</p>	<p>Virtual session with local government network groups with a waste/recycling focus, explaining modulation and taking views</p>	<p>Workshop with parallel sessions and breakouts to draw out other stakeholder views on using modulation to achieve desirable outcomes</p>	<p>One-to-one interviews with material organisations to draw out their views and concerns about modulation</p>	<p>Online survey for the whole value chain to feedback on proposals</p>
<p>LAs and waste/recycling industry</p>	<p>LA Network Bodies</p>	<p>1. Green groups, 2. Experts e.g. academics</p>	<p>Material organisations</p>	<p>Whole value chain</p>
<p>Birmingham NEC LARAC Conference</p>	<p>Virtual</p>	<p>Virtual sessions</p>	<p>Teams meetings</p>	<p>Online</p>
<p>Open to all LARAC conference attendees</p>	<p>By invitation</p>	<p>By invitation – but please make suggestions</p>	<p>By invitation</p>	<p>Open to all</p>
<p>Next Thursday 11 October</p>	<p>October TBC</p>	<p>w/c 23 October TBC</p>	<p>Mid to end of October</p>	<p>Mid November – early December</p>

TELL

US

WHAT

YOU

THINK

Questions



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

Consultation on the draft EPR SI

- Our consultation on the draft EPR SI is live.
- Through the consultation we are gathering views on a) how the approach set out in Government's consultation response of March 2022 has been reflected in the draft Regulations and b) seeking feedback on the operability of the implementation arrangements.
- We have held 4 webinars on different parts of the draft SI
- The consultation closes on 9th October – a link to respond to the consultation online is contained in the Resources and Waste Newsletter (28 September 2023).

October Engagement Update

Scheme Administrator Steering Group:

Applications for obligated producer seats on the EPR Scheme Administrator Steering Group remain open until 23:55 on **Tuesday 10th October**.

We are recruiting representatives from industry with substantial experience and expertise from a wide selection of obligated producer businesses to help shape the Scheme Administrator design and delivery of its functions. Information about recruitment to the other seats (the non-obligated producer seats) will be released shortly.

If you would like more information, please email [**SAsteeringgroup@defra.gov.uk**](mailto:SAsteeringgroup@defra.gov.uk), but please note the application window closes on 10/10/23 just before midnight and the inbox will not be monitored after 5pm.

Events

Events:

- 10 & 11 October, Restaurant and Takeaway Innovation Expo – ExCel London

Recycle Week: 16th – 22nd October 2023

- Defra is proud to support Recycle Week championing recycling at home and within communities.
- Please get involved by talking about recycling in your communities and schools
- Further information and useful links can be found in the Resources & Waste newsletter (28 September 2023)

Next Meetings

Business Readiness Forum:

- 7 November, 10am – 11:30am
- 5 December, 10am – 11:30am

Local Authority Forum:

- 8 November, 2pm – 3.30pm
- 6 December, 2pm – 3.30pm

Questions



Thank you