

Q2 Newsletter | July 2023

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Legislation changes continue to dominate my inbox – and thus my message for this quarter.

In the last newsletter I described the Deposit Return Scheme - Scotland as 'a tricky one to call'. The scheme has since been significantly postponed – until October 2025. See the featured article below for more details.

As a compliance organisation, we regret such last-minute changes of plans as we know that they disrupt planning and preparation undertaken by producers and many other stakeholders. They can also undermine confidence in future policy reforms.

However, ERP has consistently pressed - in response to consultations, at stakeholder events and in other settings - for product-related policies such as DRS and EPR to have consistency between all the devolved administrations. We recognise that waste is a devolved matter – but we consider that producers should have only one set of rules and requirements to comply with when they place goods on the UK market. Our questions in relation to such policy divergence are always the same: 1) What are the additional costs and unintended consequences? and 2) What additional environmental benefits will result from them?

Of course, this postponement from Scotland has kept in focus the potential for delays in the much bigger package of changes introducing Packaging EPR. Pressure from industry bodies to rethink the timetable in the face of continuing delays by DEFRA in the detailed information and systems required – as well as no Scheme Administrator having been appointed - mean this now also a 'tricky one to call'.

The WEEE Consultation (scheduled for May) is, we are told, ready to go - but awaiting final sign off - Autumn is now seems more likely for this. The Batteries Consultation is next in the queue after WEEE – we are advised it should still be expected in 2023 – but that looks increasingly more like 2024.

In the face of such significant change and uncertainty I want to give particular credit to my colleagues in Compliance and Data Service teams who have been working hard all year to keep up to date with the gradually emerging details for Packaging EPR, keeping our members informed through webinars and calls and overseeing development by Landbell Software of an exciting new reporting platform ready for Packaging EPR.

John Redmayne
Managing Director, ERP UK



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04 | Member news



Data Rounds - WEEE & Battery

Q2 2023 B2C EEE and battery weight data is now due for reporting. Please can all Members submit their data through the ERP portal no later than Friday 14th July 2023.

We would like to kindly ask Members to:

- Ensure that all EEE and batteries made available to the UK market is reported in the relevant reporting

- periods (see table below);
- Have submissions approved by a legal signatory of the company or delegated authority who has prior written consent for 2023, and
 - Account for any fluctuations in data by including a brief explanation within the data submission (if prompted when inputting the data).

Please note that comparisons are made against the data from the same period of the previous year.



Packaging – 2023 Initial Registrations Completed

We are pleased to confirm that we have completed the 2023 registrations for our packaging members. Thank you to all our Packaging Members who have supported us in submitting their 2023 packaging submissions already.

Members should have now received copies of their 2023 registration certificates as confirmation of this. If you have any questions regarding your 2023 registration, please do get in touch with your Compliance Account Manager.

Reporting Periods	Reporting Deadlines
Q1: 1st January to 31st March	Friday 14th April 2023
Q2: 1st April to 30th June	Friday 14th July 2023
Q3: 1st July to 30th September	Friday 13th October 2023
Q4: 1st October to 31st October	Monday 15th January 2023
2023 B2B EEE: 1st Jan to 31st December	Monday 15th January 2023





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EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) for Packaging

As we have been highlighting in our monthly webinars, a key change from the current UK packaging compliance system is data reporting every 6 months (compared to the current annual reporting).

With EPR for Packaging starting in January 2024, and obligations based on previous year's data, the first deadlines for reporting is rapidly approaching.

The first reporting window will open on 1st July 2023 with Large Producers* and Packaging Compliance Schemes required to report packaging supplied during the first 6 months of 2023 by the first regulatory deadline of 1st October 2023. ERP UK Packaging Members will need to submit the first half year 2023 packaging data by the end of August.

DEFRA have recently confirmed that the data reporting format that will be required for submitting packaging data. The flat file format (a CSV file) and its requisite codes are now under review by ERP and other stakeholders to translate the requirements into a more producer-friendly format.

Members can rest assured that we are working diligently to finalise and implement this new format into our online systems and weekly workshops are now being held to guide members through this new reporting format.

*NB. The definition of Large Producers is changing under the new Regulations which include all companies (and UK Groups of Companies) handling over 50 tonnes of packaging per annum and with a turnover of £2m or greater.

Visit our website for our [EPR webinars](#)

Packaging PRN Market Update for Q2 2023

Last month, we provided packaging members with our Q2 2023 PRN market update to provide some important information on the current state of the PRN market.

If any packaging members have not received our recent market update, or would like to discuss PRNs in more detail, please contact your Compliance Account Manager, or email: ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org.

Packaging EPR Account Calls

With the first EPR Packaging reporting window opening on 1st July 2023, your Compliance Account Manager will be in touch over the next few weeks to complete a Packaging EPR assessment with you. This call will also provide you with the opportunity to ask any questions ahead of completing the first report.

Packaging EPR Data Reporting Webinars

ERP UK is now running weekly workshop webinars for the packaging data reporting requirements under EPR. These member-only webinars will demonstrate the new reporting format and also include a Q&A session.

To register for these weekly workshops, please email ukcompliance@erp-recycling.org





06 | Industry news



ERP at this year's Awards for Excellence 2023

The Awards for Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management took place in London on the 11th of May at the luxurious, five-star Grosvenor Hotel in London where ERP UK were among the featured sponsors.

As the most prestigious event in the environmental calendar, the Awards Luncheon allowed for a unique opportunity to gain industry recognition for the finalist's achievements and promote the efforts of colleagues and clients in recycling, reuse, and waste reduction.

A lot of hard work goes into these events from organisation through to delivery, and not to forget all the inspiring award entries. There were altogether 20 categories that could be won on the day, and we would like to congratulate all of those who were shortlisted - after all, it's the taking part that counts!

ERP have been sponsoring the Circular Economy Success category of this event for a number of years now and were really pleased to do so again. This year our category was won by Zero Waste Hackney, Go Beyond Recycling for their project to reduce wastage and encourage more Hackney residents to stop using non-recyclable materials in their everyday lives.

This year, there were 20 categories in total, with the addition of the 'Recycled



Product of The Year', 'Service change at Local Authority Level' and 'Sustainable Alternative Fuels Progress Award' for 2023 and return of 'Best Local Authority Individual or Team of the year' award.

ERP want to thank the organisers for another really successful event and also a special thanks to everyone on the ERP table who made it a great day.

More information about the day can be found [here](#).



Monthly Webinars

Extended Producer Responsibility Packaging Regulations

Dates:
July/ August & September 2023
Time:
10:00 - 13:00 BST
Venue:
Online

Receive the latest insight, guidance, and key updates relating to the brand-new Packaging Regulations that will come into force from the start of 2024.

To avoid disappointment, book your virtual seat at EPR discussion table and let ERP UK steer you through the new Packaging Compliance landscape.

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WEEE

The latest data (Q1 2023 UK national data from the EA)

Volumes of EEE placed on the market (POM)

The Environment Agency published the Q1 2023 UK data on 1st June 2023.

As the table below demonstrates, there

was a clear reduction of EEE placed onto the UK market across more or less all categories in Q1 2023, when comparing against the same period last year.

Similar to the same time last year, it appears that only PV panels and Gas Discharge Lamps recorded an increase in POM compared to the same period in 2022, with some categories,

	Category	B2C EEE Placed on the Market 2022 (tonnes)	Variance (Q1 2023 vs Q1 2022) (tonnes)	% Variance
1	Large Household Appliances	135,974	-17,991	-12%
2	Small Household Appliances	37,613	-5,654	-13%
3	IT and Telcomms Equipment	15,060	-2,903	-16%
4	Consumer Equipment	6,433	-1,321	-17%
5	Lighting Equipment	13,953	-5,659	-29%
6	Electrical and Electronic Tools	14,904	-6,629	-31%
7	Toys Leisure and Sports	10,398	-1,633	-14%
8	Medical Devices	725	-524	-42%
9	Monitor and Control Instruments	7,125	-781	-12%
10	Automatic Dispensers	29	-62	-68%
11	Display Equipment	20,236	-6,726	-25%
12	Cooling Appliances	45,362	-9,429	-17%
13	Gas Discharge Lamps/ LED	1,532	1	0%
14	Photovoltaic Panels	22,821	2,943	15%
	Total	332,166	-54,806	-14%



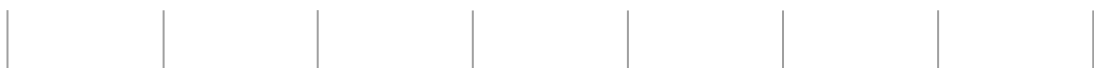
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including Lighting (Cat 5), Tools (Cat 6), Medical (Cat 8), Dispenser (Cat 10) and Cooling (Cat 12), with well over 20% decrease from the same time last year. Overall, there was just under 55,000 tonnes less EEE placed onto the UK Market.

Volumes of WEEE collected (see table opposite)

As the table alongside demonstrates, the overall tonnage of WEEE collected in Q1 2023 was very similar to that collected in Q1 2022, with just 32 tonnes difference across all streams.

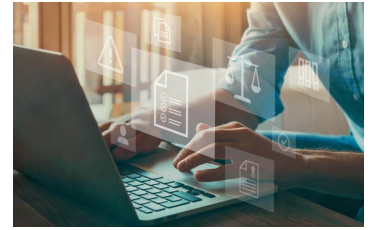
Q1 2023 data indicates just a 0.03% decrease of total volume of WEEE collected when compared to the same period last year. LDA (Cat 1) and Gas Discharge Lamps (Cat 13) collections were lower than this time last year (-2.79% and -2.4% respectively), but all other streams show a small increase.

Outlook for the compliance year

Looking at the Q1 2023 collection volumes against the collection targets for 2023, shows most streams are either on target or exceeding the targets, with the exception of Cooling (Cat 12) which is slightly down.

Category	Q1 2023 UK B2C WEEE Collected (tonnes)	Variance (Q1 2023 vs Q1 2022) (tonnes)	Variance (%)
Large Household Appliances	44,248	-1,269	-3%
Cooling Appliances	32,192	317	1%
Display Equipment	11,051	402	4%
Cats 2-10 Small Mixed WEEE	31,811	514	2%
Gas Discharge Lamps & LED Light Sources	1,024	-25	-2%
Photovoltaic Panels	80	29	57%
TOTAL	120,405	-32	0%

Category	Q1 2023 UK B2C WEEE Collected (tonnes)	2023 DEFRA Targets (tonnes)	Progress to targets (%)
Large Household Appliances	44,248	164,250	27%
Cooling Appliances	32,192	135,393	24%
Display Equipment	11,051	41,237	27%
Cats 2-10 Small Mixed WEEE	31,811	126,615	25%
Gas Discharge Lamps & LED Light Sources	1,024	4,145	25%
Photovoltaic Panels	80	302	26%
TOTAL	120,405	471,942	26%



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Batteries

The latest data (Q1 2023 UK national data from the EA)

Volumes of Portable Batteries placed on the market (POM)

Q1 2023 saw a slightly lower (1,100 tonnes, -12%) volume of portable batteries placed on the market from this time last year.

	Portable Batteries Placed on the Market		
	2021 (tonnes)	2022 (tonnes)	Variance (%)
Lead Acid	327	306	-6%
NiCd	51	51,281	-1%
Others	8,861	7,754	-12%
TOTAL	9,239	8,111	-12%

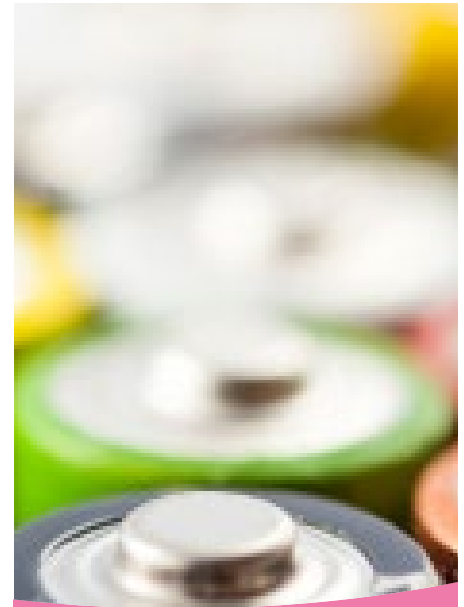
Volumes of waste batteries collected

The Q1 2023 data shows a decrease from this time last year, especially in waste portable lead acid batteries (-24%), BUT still the 2nd highest ever volume of batteries collected in Q1.

	Waste Portable Batteries Collected		
	2021 (tonnes)	2022 (tonnes)	Variance (%)
Lead Acid	3,969	3,034	-24%
NiCd	138	187	36%
Others	1,645	1,968	20%
TOTAL	5,752	5,189	-10%

Outlook for the compliance year

Based on the Q1 2023 data, the UK collection rate for 2023 is 18.76%, which is 41.70% towards the 2023 target (45%).



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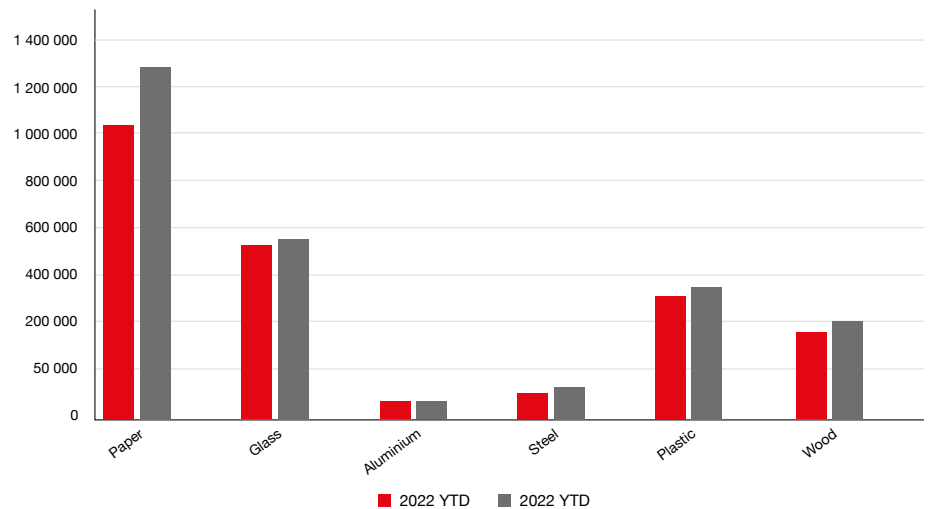
Packaging Data

The final packaging recycling data for 2022 was released by the Environment Agency in early April. This provided us with a clearer picture of how the UK achieved compliance last year. It showed that we fell short in some materials and that we had to rely on carry-in PRNs from 2021 to meet the overall requirements. This means that the buffer we carried from 2022 into 2023 is likely to be smaller. Plastic recycling, in particular, was achieved with a very narrow margin.

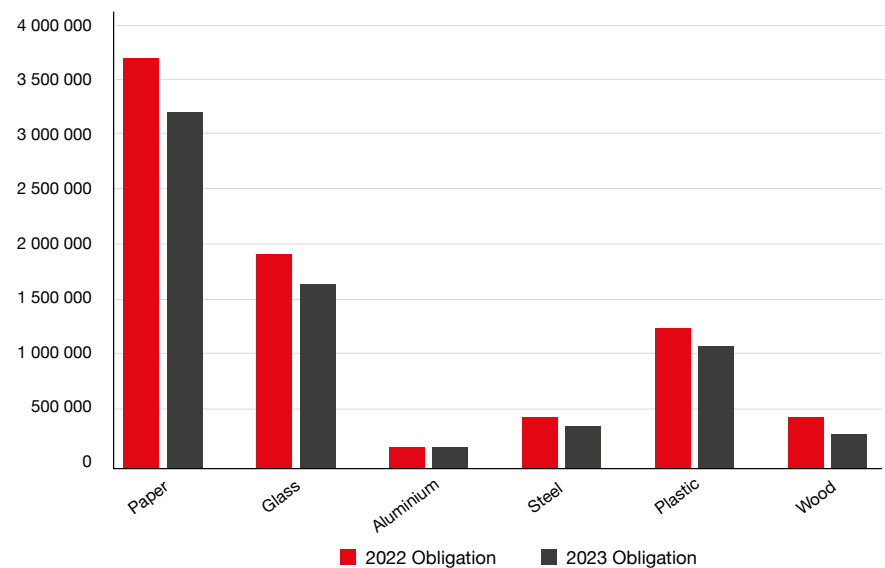
Despite this lack of carry in, the initial data for 2023 still indicates a positive performance across all materials. Compared to the same time last year, recycling volumes have increased for all streams. This is an encouraging trend and demonstrates that the PRN system is functioning well. It has the ability to adapt and pull more materials through for recycling when potential shortages occur.

It is worth noting that initial indications are that the overall obligation for PRNs in 2023 is likely to be lower than that of 2022. This means that there could be less pressure on the recycling chain. However, the data published in April was still incomplete and some producers were yet to register. We will need to await the final figures as only then will we be able to estimate a more accurate requirement for PRNs.

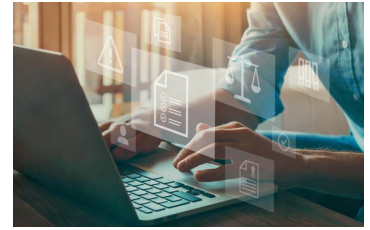
Here is a summary chart of 2022 YTD vs 2023 YTD



2022 Obligations vs 2023 Obligations



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In summary, while the UK faced challenges in meeting its packaging compliance targets for 2022, there are positive signs of increased recycling volumes in 2023. The final picture will depend on completed data and producer registrations, which are yet to be processed. We remain confident that the PRN system will continue to adapt and support recycling efforts in order to enable UK plc to achieve full compliance again at the end of this year.

Data Services - Extended Producer Responsibility update

Data Services Account Managers are currently contacting customers to discuss Extended Producer Responsibility and how the changes will affect your business and packaging reporting.

If you have any questions about Extended Producer Responsibility or your next submissions, please contact your account manager directly or the Data Services team at ukdataservices@erp-recycling.org

If there have been any changes to your business structure or activities recently please let us know as soon as possible as these may also affect your data and submissions.

For the latest guidance on Extended Producer Responsibility read [here](#).



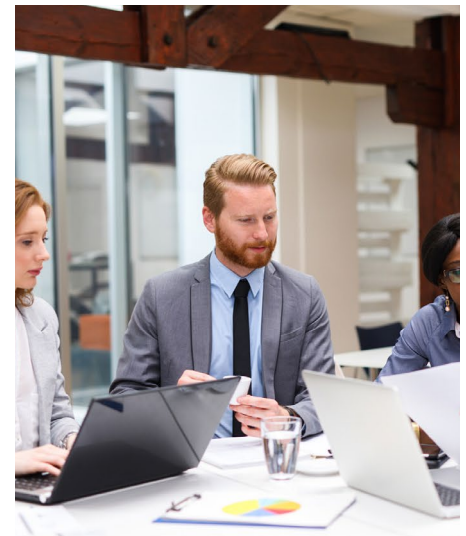
Plastic Packaging Tax update

The tax came into force on 1st April 2022 at a rate of £200 per tonne, increasing to £210.82 per tonne from 1 April 2023, applied to plastic packaging produced in or imported into the UK that does not contain at least 30% recycled plastic, returns are due quarterly with the next return due on or before the 31st July 2023.

Businesses should also carry out their own due diligence checks in respect of Plastic Packaging Tax if they either manufacture plastic packaging components or import plastic packaging components.

If you have any questions about the plastic packaging tax, and how it will affect your company, please contact your account manager directly or the Data Services team at: ukdataservices@erp-recycling.org

For the latest HMRC guidance on the tax please read [here](#).



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12 | Featured article:



Deposit Return Scheme: Scottish proposals shelved until 2025

Scotland's deposit return scheme will now not be launched until October 2025.

The deposit return scheme (DRS) is currently at the centre of a political storm between the Scottish and UK governments - a plan to boost recycling, it aims to reduce littering and improve the environment.

What is the DRS?

Consumers will pay an extra 20p deposit on the container when they purchase a drink in shops. This deposit would be returned when the container is handed back, either at a shop or a reverse vending machine. Details of the scheme were first drawn up by the Scottish Government in 2019, including the target materials of glass, PET plastic and cans.

Although established through legislation by the Scottish Government, the DRS the scheme will be run by a 'Scheme

Administrator' - Circularity Scotland – a not-for-profit company funded by the drinks industry rather than a government agency.

Why was it delayed?

The launch has been delayed previously. Readiness for launch had been called into question – and concerns have continued to be raised by businesses about the inclusion of glass, the practicality of return requirements for small shops and the differences emerging between the Scottish DRS and the emerging DRS proposals from England and Northern Ireland (with no glass) and Wales (including glass but covering different container sizes).

In November 2022, hundreds of business leaders in the drinks and hospitality sectors called on the Scottish Government to pause and revise the scheme, saying the August 2023 date was not realistic. However other business groups, including the trade body for soft drinks, backed the DRS. In April, the Scottish Government announced that the DRS launch would be delayed to March 2024 as part of a "reset" between Government and businesses.

It has now been confirmed that October 2025 is the planned start date – coinciding with when the planned DRS for England would start.

The UK Government was blamed for creating uncertainty around the scheme by delaying an exemption under the Internal Market Act (IMA) – a post-Brexit law which seeks to govern trade around the UK..

For up to date news on DRS click [here](#).



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13 | Meet a team member: Simon Hubbard



Q How long have you been with ERP UK?

A I started on the 15th February, so almost 3 months.

Q Tell us about your experience before joining the ERP team?

A Before joining ERP, I worked as Membership Team Manager at Clarity Environmental, and before that I worked for over 20 years in the corporate travel and event management sector.

Q What does a typical day look like for you?

A It has been very varied to date as I have been helping support the compliance team with the Packaging data submissions before the April deadline. Traveling to Germany to start collaborating more closely

with the customer teams there as there are an increasing number of queries from Landbell's customers in Germany about the implications of Packaging EPR in the UK. I am looking forward to getting more involved now with sales opportunities and tenders.

Q What motivates you in your role?

A I love the feeling of winning and finding solutions that meets and hopefully exceeds a client's expectations. In any sales role having a strong value proposition is always important in closing an opportunity.

Q What do you enjoy doing outside work?

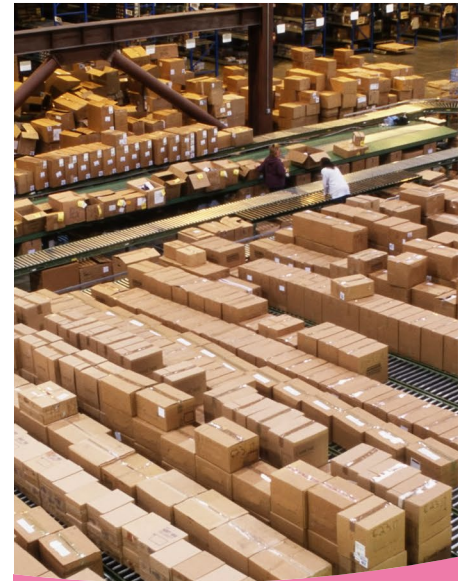
A I love to travel and spending time with friends and family, my hobbies include, fishing, snooker, and I am a keen Arsenal fan.

Q Your favourite music band(s)?

A I don't really have a favourite style of music but rather prefer different genres depending on my mood. I love dance music and attending festivals and was lucky enough to go to Glastonbury in 2019 and Guns & Roses last summer.

Q Favourite holiday destinations?

A I love Tenerife as you are almost guaranteed good weather year round so it is nice to get some winter sun. I was lucky enough to travel in my last career which I am thankful for, as I love experiencing new places and cultures. I would love to do a tour of Asia at some point.



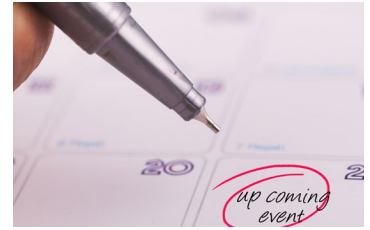
PACKAGING COMPLIANCE

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Our packaging compliance scheme simplifies all aspects of environmental compliance for companies handling packaging.

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14 | Events & workshop diary



LARAC Wales Conference | Date: 12 July | Venue: Cardiff Marriott Hotel

Join us for the 2023 LARAC Wales Conference, which will take an in-depth look at the key issues around running an efficient and effective local authority waste and recycling services in Wales.

Visit the event website [here](#).

RWM - Resource & Waste Management Expo 2023 | Date: 13th & 14th September | Venue: NEC, Birmingham

The Resource & Waste Management Expo (RWM) is the UK's premier event for professionals working in the recycling, resource, waste, and broader environmental services industry. Formerly known as RWM & Letsrecycle Live, RWM offers an unparalleled platform to connect with like-minded profes-



sionals, learn about the latest industry trends, and drive positive environmental change through sustainable resource management.

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LARAC Conference Celebra- tion Awards | Date: 11th & 12th October | Venue: The Hilton Metropole, Birmingham

This year's LARAC Conference and Celebration Awards 2023 covers interesting panel debates, external keynote speakers, case studies, and discussions around: 'What if the Implementation of the consultations happened tomorrow', Environmental Actions within Local Authorities, Effective communications of a service change and Training and Green Skills, to name but a few.

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They are FREE to attend and members give very positive feedback about their helpfulness.

Webinars/ workshops coming up

Receive the latest insight, guidance, and key updates relating to the brand-new Packaging Regulations that will come into force from the start of 2024.

**Weekly edition EPR (Webinars) |
every Thursday 10am – 1pm |
13th July 2023**

**Packaging EPR (Webinar) | 10am
– 1pm | 7th August 2023**

Register [here](#).





15 | ERP's EPR glossary

AATF Approved Authorised Treatment Facility (for WEEE)	and NIEA)	PPT Plastic Packaging Tax
ABE Approved Battery Exporter	EEA European Environment Agency	PRN Packaging Waste Recovery Note
ABTO Approved Battery Treatment Operator	EFW Energy from Waste	PRO Producer Responsibility Organisation
AE Accredited Exporter (for Packaging)	ELV End of Life Vehicles	PS Polystyrene
AR Accredited Reprocessor (for Packaging)	EMS Environmental Management System	PVC Polyvinyl chloride
ATF Authorised Treatment Facility (for WEEE)	EPR Extended Producer Responsibility	RCV Refuse Collection Vehicle
BFR Brominated Flame Retardants	ESA Environmental Services Association	ROHS Restriction Of Hazardous Substances (in EEE)
CA site Civic Amenity (see also HWRC)	HDPE High Density Polyethylene	SEPA Scottish Environment Protection Agency
CIO Consumer Information Obligation (for Packaging)	HWRC Household Waste Recycling Centre	WAC Waste Acceptance Criteria
CIWM Chartered Institution of Wastes Management	LA Local Authority	WBA Waste Batteries and Accumulators
CSR Corporate Social Responsibility	LARAC Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee	WCA Waste Collection Authority
DCF Designated Collection Facility (for WEEE)	MRF Materials Recovery Facility	WDA Waste Disposal Authority
DEFRA Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	MSW Municipal Solid Waste	WEEE Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
DRS Deposit Return Scheme	NIEA Northern Ireland Environment Agency	WFD Waste Framework Directive
DOENI Department for the Environment Northern Ireland	NPWD National Packaging Waste Database (Batteries & Packaging)	WRAP Waste and Resources Action Programme
DTS Distributor Takeback Scheme (for WEEE)	NRW Natural Resources Wales	
EA Environment Agency (see also SEPA, NRW)	ODS Ozone Depleting Substance	
	PCB Polychlorinated Biphenyl	
	PCB Printed Circuit Board	
	PERN Packaging Waste Export Recovery Note	
	PP Polypropylene	

WBA Regulations means The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009 (SI 2009/890);

WEEE Regulations means the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/3113); and

Packaging Regulations means The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2017 (SI 2007/871)





16 | Get in touch

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