

# Scottish Islands Deposit Return Scheme



# About Zero Waste Scotland

Zero Waste Scotland focus on where, as a society, we can have the greatest impact on climate change by using products and services to get the maximum life and value from the natural resources used to make them.

Using evidence and insight, our goal is to inform policy, and motivate individuals and businesses to embrace the environmental, economic, and social benefits of a circular economy.

We are a not-for-profit environmental organisation, funded by the Scottish Government and European Regional Development Fund.

# Agenda:

1. An introduction to Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme.

2. What are the potential challenges and opportunities for Scotland's islands?

3. Your say – Q&A session where you can give your comments and put your questions to our panel.



# Deposit Return – Our Role

Zero Waste Scotland is advising the Scottish Government on scheme design and is supporting government and industry on its implementation.

We have consulted, and continue to engage with, hundreds of organisations – from retailers and manufacturers to councils and community groups – and learned from countries that already operate a deposit return scheme.



# Benefits



**CLIMATE CHANGE**



**LITTER PREVENTION**



**RECYCLING QUANTITY  
& QUALITY**

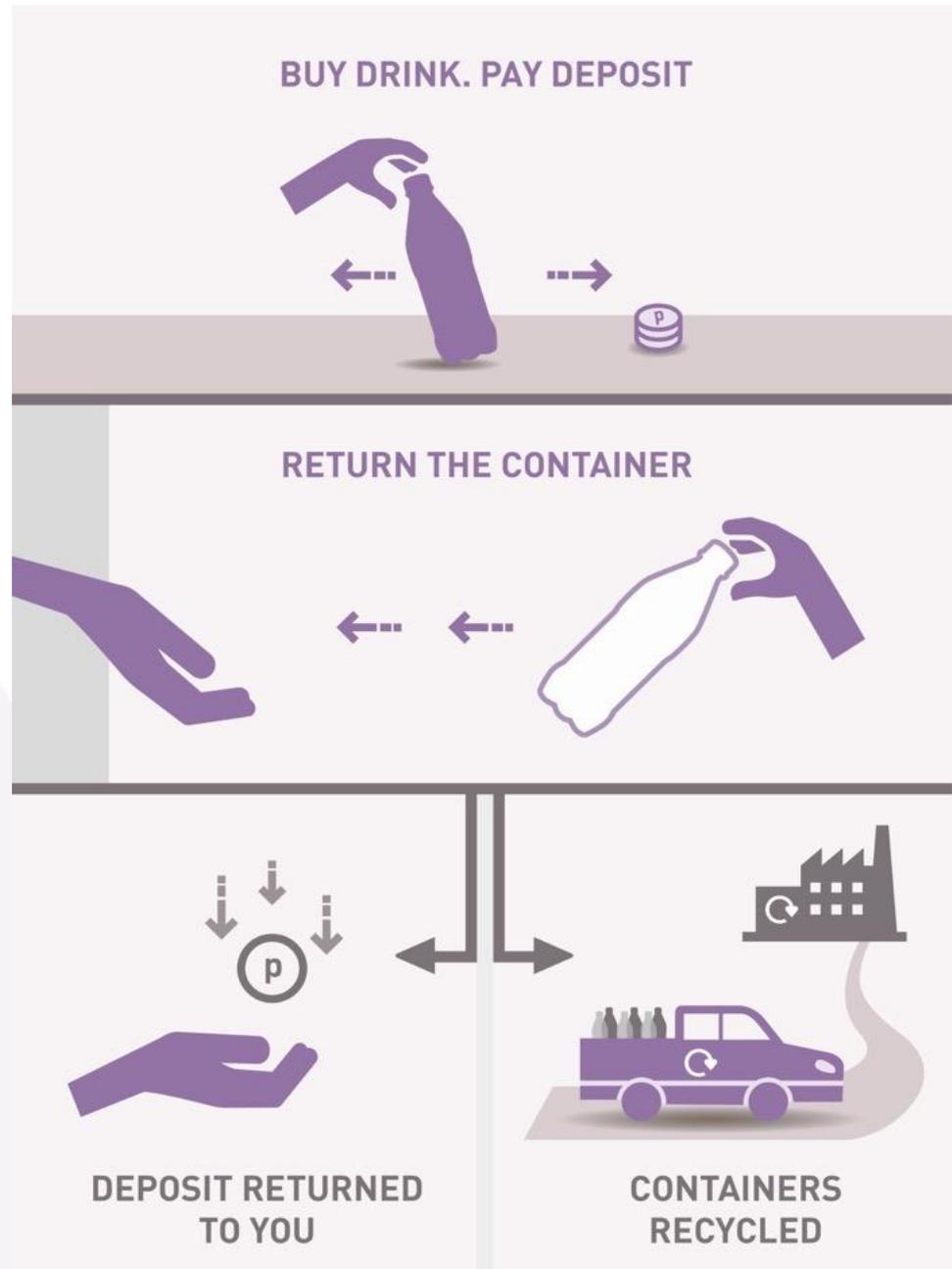


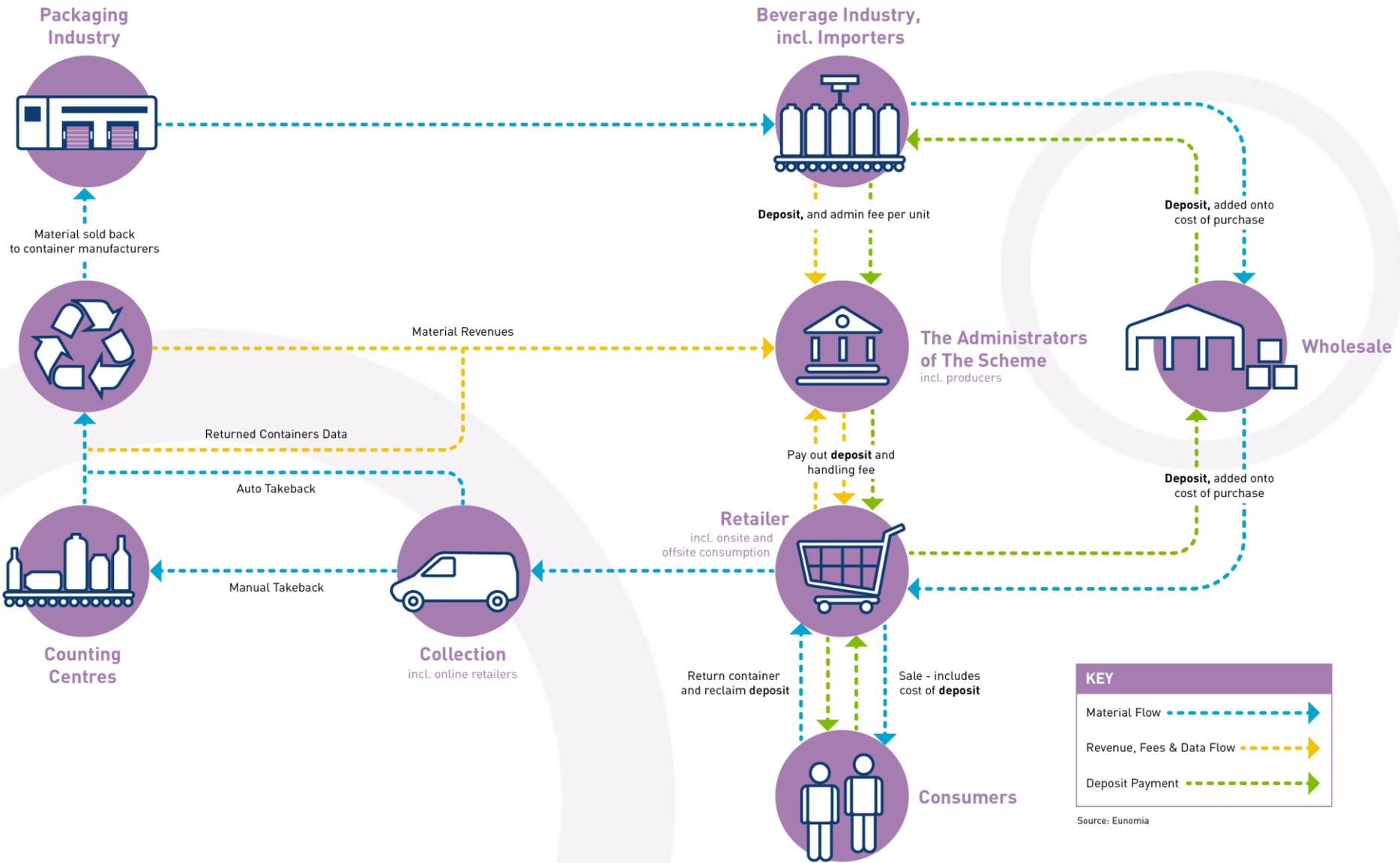
**THE ECONOMY**



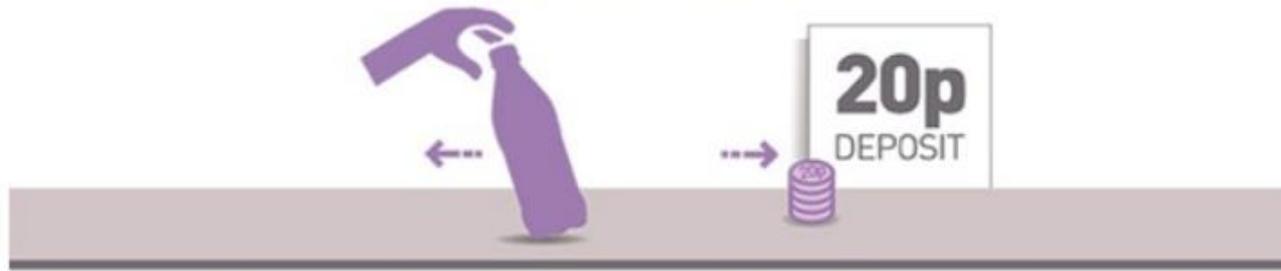
**SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOUR  
CHANGE**

# What is a deposit return scheme?





BUY DRINK. PAY DEPOSIT



CONTAINERS RECYCLED



TAKE BACK TO A PLACE THAT SELLS DRINKS TO TAKE AWAY\*

\*SOME BUSINESSES, LIKE RESTAURANTS, WILL ONLY TAKE BACK DRINKS SOLD ON PREMISES

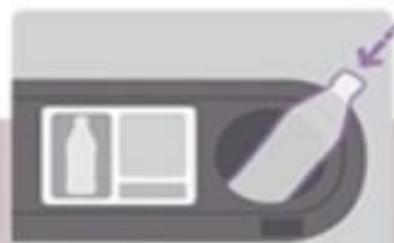


## RETURN OPTIONS

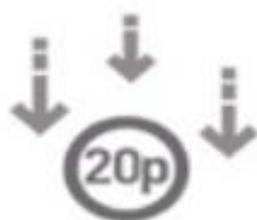
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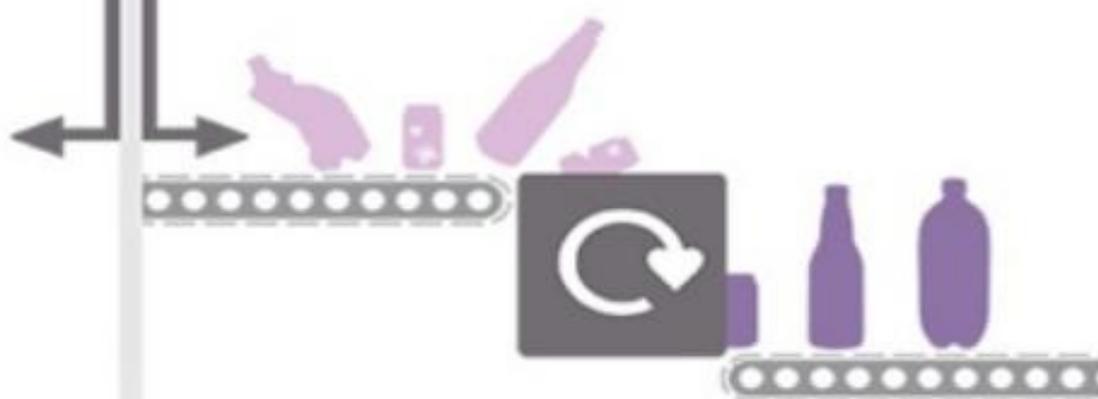
MACHINE



ONLINE DELIVERY RETURN



DEPOSIT RETURNED  
TO YOU



BOTTLES & CANS  
RECYCLED

# Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme Timeline



**2010**

The Scottish Government publishes its Zero Waste Plan, which includes a target of increasing recycling to 70% by 2025.



**June 2014**

The Scottish Government publishes its national litter strategy, towards a litter-free Scotland, which makes prevention the central focus of litter policy.



**May 2015**

Zero Waste Scotland publishes feasibility study on whether a deposit return scheme could work for Scotland.

**2009**

Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 provides for the setting-up of deposit return schemes.



**2012**

The Scottish Parliament passes the Waste (Scotland) Regulations, which place new responsibilities for recycling on businesses.



**October 2014**

Scotland introduces the carrier bag charge, encouraging bag re-use and reducing litter.



**February 2016**

Scottish Government publishes Making Things Last circular economy strategy.



**June 2018**

Scottish Government begins consultation period on possible approaches for the deposit return scheme. Scotland undertakes public engagement events across all 32 local authority areas.



**May 2019**

Scottish Government announces the design of Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme.



**December 2015**

Zero Waste Scotland publishes research findings after engaging with stakeholders about any potential deposit return scheme for Scotland.



**September 2017**

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announces that Scotland will introduce a deposit return scheme for drinks containers.



**February 2019**

Scottish Government publishes its analysis of the consultation.



**September 2019**

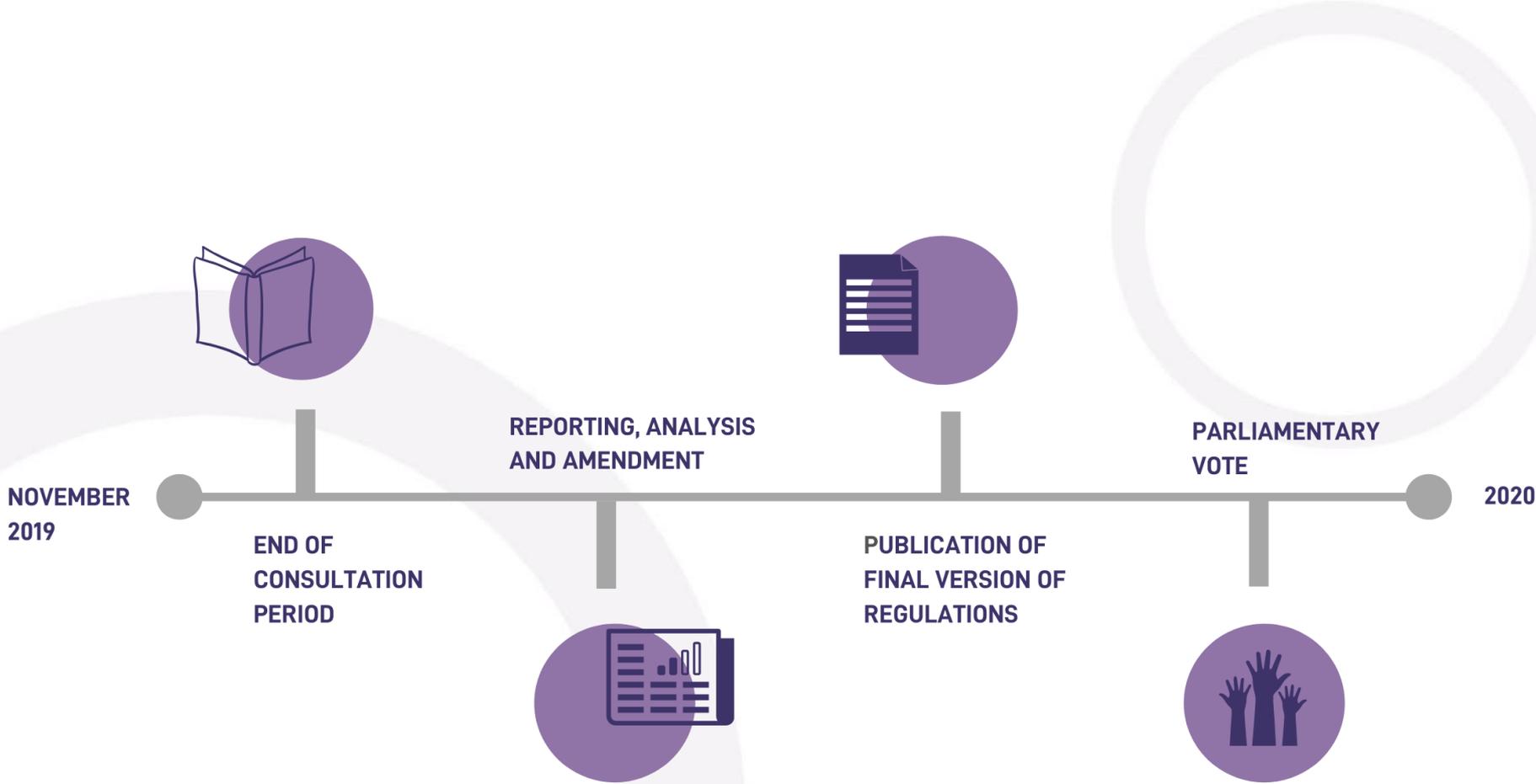
Regulations for Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme laid before the Scottish Parliament.



**December 2019**

We want to know what the public think about our proposals to introduce a deposit return scheme (DRS) for drinks containers in Scotland. The consultation closes on 10 December.

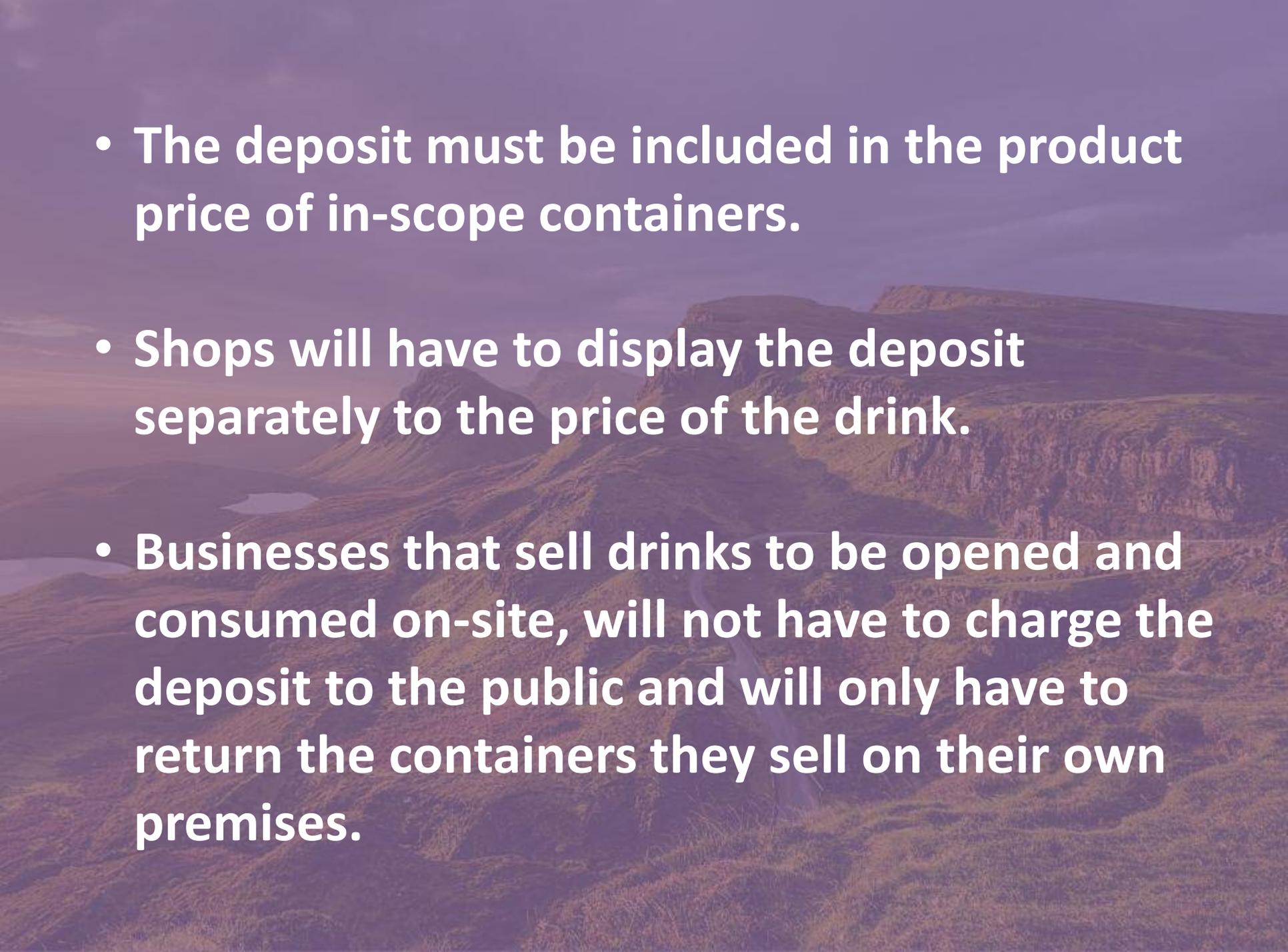
# Next Steps



# Retailers and Return Points

## Under the Draft Regulations:

- Return points must accept all eligible drinks containers and refund deposits to consumers. They must keep the containers for collection by the scheme administrator.
- Retailers will receive a handling fee on a per container basis. This payment will compensate things such as shop space and staff time.
- Retailers can choose either to install an Reverse Vending Machine on their premises, or alternatively to accept returns manually.

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- **The deposit must be included in the product price of in-scope containers.**
  - **Shops will have to display the deposit separately to the price of the drink.**
  - **Businesses that sell drinks to be opened and consumed on-site, will not have to charge the deposit to the public and will only have to return the containers they sell on their own premises.**

# Producers

## Under the Draft Regulations:

- For their drinks to be sold in Scotland, all producers must register with SEPA.
- The draft regulations set a target of capturing 90% of the items placed on the market in Scotland by year three
- Producers can appoint a scheme administrator to operate the Deposit Return Scheme on their behalf.

# Producers

- **The appointed scheme administrator will be responsible for collecting scheme containers from retailers and return points.**
- **The scheme administrator, under the appointment of producers, will be required to meet annual collection targets for recycling.**

# **DRS Islands Impact Assessment**

**The Impact Communities Screening Assessment was published in September 2019 and contains relevant considerations for island communities from transport, to economic development and environmental protection.**

**Zero Waste Scotland have completed a series of events around 7 different Scottish Islands to meet with residents and stakeholders.**

# DRS Islands Impact Assessment

Stuart Murray, Stakeholder Manager, has been part of the island engagement events which have included an Island Impact Assessment gathering feedback from islanders on the new scheme.

You can feed into the Island Impact Assessment by leaving us a comment during today's webinar or by contacting us via the email on [drsevents@zerowastescotland.org.uk](mailto:drsevents@zerowastescotland.org.uk) by Thursday 28th November. The assessment will support the final regulations alongside other impact assessments.

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