

Good afternoon,

This morning the Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform has laid Regulations in the Scottish Parliament that will create the legal framework for the Scottish Government's Deposit Return Scheme. These Regulations also contain the go-live date for the scheme, **of July 2022**. Alongside the Regulations, the Cabinet Secretary has laid *The Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020*. That Order confers additional powers on the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to enable it to enforce the requirements of the DRS Regulations.

The Regulations will be made available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2020/9780111044681/contents>.

The Regulations will now lie before the Scottish Parliament for fifty-four days to allow a further period of scrutiny. There will then be a vote on the Regulations in the Scottish Parliament. This is the final step in the Parliamentary process after which the scheme will become law.

Alongside the Regulations, the following supporting documents have been published on the Scottish Government website (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/>).

- The Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020: Accompanying Statement
- A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland: Full Business Case Stage 1 Addendum
- A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland: Strategic Environmental Assessment Addendum
- A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland: Final Equality Impact Assessment
- A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland: Final Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment
- A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland: Islands Communities Impact Assessment

More information, including FAQs, is available on Zero Waste Scotland's DRS online hub (www.depositreturn.scot). This will be added to in the coming weeks with sector-specific information.

I am grateful for your support throughout this process in enabling us to reach this stage. I look forward to continuing to work together to ensure a smooth transition and a successful scheme.

Yours

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