
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007([S.R. 2007 No. 198](#)) (“the 2007 Regulations”). The 2007 Regulations impose on producers and schemes the obligation to recover and recycle packaging waste in order to attain the recovery and recycling targets set out in Article 6(1) of Council [Directive 94/62/EC](#) on packaging and packaging waste (OJ No. L 365, 31.12.1994, p.10), as last amended by Commission [Directive 2013/2/EU](#) (OJ No. L 37, 8.2.2013, p10).

These Regulations amend regulations 7 and 14 of the 2007 Regulations to remove provisions requiring submission of an operational plan. They set out conditions of approval of a scheme, confer power to withdraw approval of a scheme and provide for the cancellation of registration of a scheme.

These Regulations set out the requirement for an operator of a scheme to notify the Department of changes in membership of the scheme and pay a fee in respect of this.

These Regulations insert new rights of appeal for an operator of a scheme in relation to a refusal to grant an application for approval or withdrawal of approval.

These Regulations insert a provision for the delegation by an approved person of functions to another person.

A copy of the assessment of the impact that these Regulations will have on the costs to business and the voluntary sector may be obtained by writing to the Producer Responsibility Unit, Level 2, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR.