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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WALES

**The Packaging Waste (Data Collection
and Reporting) (Wales) Regulations 2023**

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The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 2(1) to (3) of, and paragraphs 2, 11, 17 and 20(1)(b) of Schedule 1 to, the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 (“the 1999 Act”)(1).

The Welsh Ministers have, in accordance with section 2(4) of the 1999 Act consulted—

- (a) Natural Resources Wales,
- (b) such bodies or persons appearing to them to be representative of the interests of local government, industry, agriculture and small businesses respectively as they consider appropriate, and
- (c) such other bodies or persons as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.

In accordance with section 2(8) of the 1999 Act, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before, and approved by resolution of Senedd Cymru(2).

PART 1

General

Title and commencement

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Packaging Waste (Data Collection and Reporting) (Wales) Regulations 2023.

(1) 1999 c. 24. Functions of the Secretary of State, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales, except in relation to offshore oil and gas exploration and exploitation, by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1958), article 3(1). Functions of the National Assembly for Wales were transferred to the Welsh Ministers by paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32). Section 2 was amended by S.I. 2013/755 (W. 90). Schedule 1 was amended by section 70 of the Environment Act 2021 (c. 30) and S.I. 2005/925, 2012/2788, 2018/942 and 2019/458, there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(2) The reference in section 2(8) to approval by each House of Parliament has effect in relation to exercise of functions by the Welsh Ministers as if it were a reference to approval by Senedd Cymru by virtue of section 150A(2) of, and paragraph 33 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 17 July 2023.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 2003 Act” (“*Deddf 2003*”) means the Licensing Act 2003(3);

“alcohol” (“*alcohol*”) has the same meaning as in section 191 of the 2003 Act and “alcoholic” is to be construed accordingly;

“approved person” (“*person a gymeradwywyd*”) means the person for the time being approved under regulation 24 for the purpose of verifying information provided by a producer—

(a) to NRW under regulation 17(4)(b);

(b) to the operator of a scheme under regulation 19(2)(b)(ii);

“brand owner” (“*perchennog brand*”) has the meaning given in regulation 8(2) read with regulation 8(3);

“branded packaging” (“*pecynwaith wedi ei frandio*”) has the meaning given in regulation 8(13);

“consumer” (“*treuliwr*”) means an individual acting for purposes which are outside that individual’s trade, business, craft or profession;

“data collection obligations” (“*rhwymedigaethau casglu data*”) means the obligations in regulation 16;

“data collection period” (“*cyfnod casglu data*”) means—

(a) the period from the date on which these Regulations come into force until 31 December 2023, and

(b) in subsequent years, the period of 12 months starting on 1 January;

“data reporting obligations” (“*rhwymedigaethau adrodd am ddata*”) means the obligations in regulation 17;

“disposal” (“*gwaredu*”) has the meaning given in Article 3(19) of the Waste Directive;

“distributor” (“*dosbarthwr*”) means a person who manufactures or imports unfilled packaging and supplies that packaging to another person;

“drink” (“*diod*”) has the meaning given in regulation 5;

“exempt packaging” (“*pecynwaith esempt*”) means packaging which is exempt in relation to a producer in accordance with regulation 12(2);

“fibre-based composite material” (“*deunydd cyfansawdd sy’n seiliedig ar ffibr*”) means packaging material which is made of paperboard or paper fibres, laminated with plastic, and which may also have layers of other materials, to form a single unit that cannot be separated by hand;

“household packaging” (“*pecynwaith cartref*”) has the meaning given in regulation 7;

“importer” (“*mewnforiwr*”) means—

(a) the person responsible for importing filled packaging into the United Kingdom, whether or not that packaging ends up being supplied, or

(b) where the person referred to in paragraph (a) of this definition is not present in the United Kingdom, the first person in the United Kingdom who takes ownership of the packaging;

“large producer” (“*cynhyrchydd mawr*”) has the meaning given in regulation 11(1);

(3) 2003 c. 17. Section 191 was amended by section 135 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3) and S.I. 2006/2407.

“licence agreement” (“*cytundeb trwyddedu*”) means an agreement or number of related agreements in or under which the licensor grants the licensee a licence that allows the licensee to use a trade mark as the name under which the licensee sells from premises goods that are associated with that trade mark, and includes an obligation (whether expressed as a positive or as a negative obligation) on the licensee that relates to the presentation of those premises;

“licensee” (“*trwyddedai*”) means the party to a licence agreement to whom a licence to use a trade mark is granted;

“licensor” (“*trwyddedwr*”) has the meaning given in regulation 9(1);

“NRW” (“*CNC*”) means Natural Resources Wales;

“online marketplace operator” (“*gweithredwr marchnadle ar-lein*”) means the operator of a website, or any other means by which information is made available over the internet, which facilitates the sale of goods through the website or other means by persons other than the operator, whether or not the operator also sells goods through the online marketplace;

“operator” (“*gweithredwr*”) in relation to an online marketplace, means the person who controls access to, and the contents of, the online marketplace provided that the person is involved in—

- (a) determining any terms and conditions applicable to the sale of goods,
- (b) processing, or facilitating the processing, of payment for the goods, and
- (c) the ordering or delivery, or facilitating the ordering or delivery, of the goods;

“packaging” (“*pecynwaith*”) has the meaning given in regulation 6;

“packaging category” (“*categori o becynwaith*”) means one of the categories referred to in regulation 6(4);

“packaging materials” (“*deunyddiau pecynwaith*”) means materials used in the manufacture of packaging and includes raw materials and processed materials prior to their conversion into packaging;

“packaging waste” (“*gwastraff pecynwaith*”) means any packaging or packaging material which is waste but does not include packaging which is discarded and becomes waste outside the United Kingdom;

“packer/filler” (“*paciwr/llanwr*”) means a person who puts goods into packaging;

“premises” (“*mangre*”) means any sales outlet on which packaging is handled and includes any land, vehicle, vessel, mobile plant and stall;

“primary packaging” (“*pecynwaith cynradd*”) has the meaning given in regulation 6(1)(a);

“producer” (“*cynhyrchydd*”) has the meaning given in regulation 8;

“pub operating agreement” (“*cytundeb gweithredu tafarn*”) means an agreement or number of related agreements in or under which one person (the pub operating business) grants a tenancy or lease of premises to another person (the tenant) that includes an obligation (whether expressed as a positive or as a negative obligation) on the tenant to purchase some or all of the alcohol or alcoholic liquor (as the case may be), to be sold or otherwise supplied on or from the premises, from the pub operating business or from a person or persons nominated or authorised by or on behalf of that business;

“pub operating business” (“*busnes gweithredu tafarn*”) has the meaning given in regulation 9(2);

“recycling” (“*ailgylchu*”) has the meaning given in Article 3(17) of the Waste Directive;

“registered scheme” (“*cynllun cofrestredig*”) means a scheme which is registered in accordance with the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007(4);

“relevant authority” (“*awdurdod perthnasol*”) means—

(a) a waste collection authority;

(b) a waste disposal authority;

“relevant packaging waste” (“*gwastraff pecynwaith perthnasol*”) has the meaning given in regulation 16(7);

“relevant year” (“*blwyddyn berthnasol*”) means a calendar year in respect of which a person is a producer;

“re-use” (“*aildefnyddio*”) has the meaning given to it in Article 3(13) of the Waste Directive;

“reusable packaging” (“*pecynwaith y gellir ei aildefnyddio*”) means packaging which has been designed to be used multiple times by being refilled or re-used for the same purpose for which it was conceived;

“secondary packaging” (“*pecynwaith eilaidd*”) has the meaning given in regulation 6(1)(b);

“seller” (“*gwerthwr*”) means a person who supplies packaging to a user or a consumer of that packaging, whether or not the packaging has been filled at the time of the supply;

“service provider” (“*darparwr gwasanaeth*”) means a person who supplies reusable packaging to a user of that packaging where the supply is made by hiring out or lending the packaging;

“shipment packaging” (“*pecynwaith cludo*”) has the meaning given in regulation 6(1)(d);

“small producer” (“*cynhyrhydd bach*”) has the meaning given in regulation 11(2);

“supplies” (“*cyflenwi*”) has the meaning given in regulation 10(1);

“tenant” (“*tenant*”) means the party to a pub operating agreement to whom the lease or tenancy of premises is granted;

“tertiary packaging” (“*pecynwaith trydyddol*”) has the meaning given in regulation 6(1)(c);

“trade mark” (“*nod masnach*”) has the same meaning as in section 1 of the Trade Marks Act 1994(5);

“turnover” (“*trosiant*”) means, in relation to a person, their turnover as defined in section 539 of the Companies Act 2006(6) but as if the references to a company were references to that person;

“UK regulator” (“*rheoleiddiwr y DU*”) means—

(a) in relation to England, the Environment Agency,

(b) in relation to Wales, NRW,

(c) in relation to Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, or

(d) in relation to Northern Ireland, the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for Northern Ireland;

“waste” (“*gwastraff*”) has the meaning given in Article 3(1) of the Waste Directive, read with Articles 5 and 6 of that Directive;

“waste collection authority” (“*awdurdod casglu gwastraff*”) has the meaning given in section 30(3) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990(7);

(4) S.I. 2007/871 amended by S.I. 2007/3538; 2010/675, 2849; 2012/360; 2013/1821, 755; 2016/241, 696, 738; 2018/721; 2019/188; 2020/387, 904, 1390.

(5) 1994 c. 26. Section 1 was amended by S.I. 2018/825.

(6) 2006 c. 46. There are amendments to section 539 which are not relevant to these Regulations.

(7) 1990 c. 43. There are amendments to section 30 which are not relevant to these Regulations.

“the Waste Directive” (“*y Gyfarwydddeb Wastraff*”) means [Directive 2008/98/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste⁽⁸⁾, as last amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851⁽⁹⁾, and as read in accordance with regulation 4;

“waste disposal authority” (“*awdurdod gwaredu gwastraff*”) has the meaning given in section 30(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

(2) For the purposes of the definition of “online marketplace operator”, an online marketplace facilitates the sale of goods if it allows a person to—

- (a) offer goods for sale, and
- (b) enter into a contract for the sale of those goods.

(3) In these Regulations—

- (a) any document which is to be provided or given to any person may be provided or given to that person by electronic means if the document is capable of being reproduced by that person in legible form;
- (b) any requirement to make, keep or retain a record or to maintain a register may be satisfied in electronic form if the text is capable of being produced by the person subject to the requirement in a legible documentary form;
- (c) any requirement for a signature may be satisfied by an electronic signature incorporated into the document, and for these purposes, “electronic signature” means data in electronic form which is attached to or logically associated with other data in electronic form and which is used by the signatory to sign.

Establishment in Wales and the United Kingdom

3.—(1) In these Regulations, a person is established in—

- (a) Wales if—
 - (i) that person is habitually resident in Wales, or
 - (ii) the registered office of that person, or if they do not have a registered office, their head office, or principal place of business, is in Wales, or
 - (iii) paragraph (2) applies;
- (b) the United Kingdom if—
 - (i) that person is habitually resident in the United Kingdom, or
 - (ii) the registered office of that person, or if they do not have a registered office, their head office, or principal place of business, is in the United Kingdom.

(2) This paragraph applies if—

- (a) the registered office of that person, or if they have no registered office, their head office or principal place of business of that person is outside the United Kingdom,
- (b) the person has a branch or postal address in Wales, and
- (c) the person has not given notice to NRW under paragraph (3).

(3) Where a person to whom paragraph (2)(a) applies has a branch or postal address in Wales and in one or more other nations in the United Kingdom, that person may elect to be treated as established in one of those other nations instead of in Wales by giving notice to NRW.

(4) A notice given under paragraph (3) must specify the nation in which the person giving the notice wishes to be treated as established for the purposes of these Regulations.

(8) OJ L312, 22.11.2008, p. 3.

(9) OJ L150, 14.6.2018, p. 109.

(5) When NRW receives notice of an election under paragraph (3), it must notify the UK regulator in the nation specified in the notice.

Modifications to the Waste Directive

4.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, the Waste Directive is to be read in accordance with this regulation.

(2) A reference to one or more member States in a provision imposing an obligation or conferring a discretion on a member State or member States is to be read as a reference to the authority, agency or local authority which, immediately before implementation period completion day, was responsible for the United Kingdom’s compliance with that obligation or able to exercise that discretion.

(3) Article 5 is to be read as if—

(a) in paragraph 1, “Member States shall take appropriate measures to ensure that” were omitted;

(b) after paragraph 1 there were inserted—

“1A. Any decision as to whether a substance or object is a by-product must be made—

(a) in accordance with any regulations setting out detailed criteria on the application of the conditions in paragraph 1 to specific substances or objects; and

(b) having regard to any guidance published by the Welsh Ministers or the Natural Resources Body for Wales for the purposes of this Article.”;

(c) paragraphs 2 and 3 were omitted.

(4) Article 6 is to be read as if—

(a) in paragraph 1, “Member States shall take appropriate measures to ensure that” were omitted;

(b) after paragraph 1 there were inserted—

“1A. Any decision as to whether a substance or object has ceased to be waste must be made—

(a) in accordance with any regulations or retained direct EU legislation setting out detailed criteria on the application of the conditions in paragraph 1 to specific types of waste; and

(b) having regard to any guidance published by the Welsh Ministers or the Natural Resources Body for Wales for the purposes of this Article.”;

(c) in paragraph 2—

(i) the first subparagraph were omitted;

(ii) in the second subparagraph, for “Those detailed criteria” there were substituted “Any detailed criteria set out in guidance as referred to in paragraph 1A”;

(iii) the third and fourth subparagraphs were omitted;

(d) paragraph 3 were omitted;

(e) in paragraph 4—

(i) in the first subparagraph—

(aa) in the first sentence, for the words from the beginning to “Member State”, there were substituted “Where criteria have not been set out as referred to in paragraph 1A(a), the Natural Resources Body for Wales”;

(bb) the second sentence were omitted;

(ii) in the second subparagraph—

(aa) for “Member States” there were substituted “The Natural Resources Body for Wales”;

(bb) “by competent authorities” were omitted.

Drink

5.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, except in regulation 12(4), drink means—

- (a) water suitable for human consumption,
- (b) a beverage suitable for human consumption,
- (c) a sports drink suitable for human consumption, or
- (d) a liquid which, when prepared in a specified manner, constitutes a beverage suitable for human consumption (including, for example, a fruit cordial or a fruit squash) or a sports drink.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, paragraph (1)(d) does not apply to a liquid which is used only as a flavouring or sweetener in another liquid which itself constitutes a beverage suitable for human consumption.

(3) A liquid is prepared in a specified manner if it is—

- (a) diluted,
- (b) combined with crushed ice, or processed so as to create crushed ice,
- (c) combined with carbon dioxide, or
- (d) prepared by way of a process that involves any combination of the processes mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (c).

(4) In this regulation, “sports drink” means a drink which is advertised or marketed as a product to enhance physical performance, accelerate recovery after exercise or build bulk, or other similar drink.

Packaging and packaging categories

6.—(1) “Packaging”, for the purposes of these Regulations, means all products made of any materials of any nature to be used for the containment, protection, handling, delivery and presentation of goods, from raw materials to processed goods, from the producer to the user or the consumer, including non-returnable items used for the same purposes, but only where the products are—

- (a) primary packaging, which is packaging conceived so as to constitute a sales unit to the final user or consumer at the point of purchase;
- (b) secondary packaging, which is packaging conceived so as to constitute at the point of purchase a grouping of a certain number of sales units, whether it is supplied as such to the final user or consumer or whether it serves only as a means to replenish the shelves at the point of sale; it can be removed from the product without affecting the product’s characteristics;
- (c) tertiary packaging, which is packaging conceived so as to facilitate handling and transport of a number of sales units or secondary packaging in order to prevent damage from physical handling and transport damage, and for the purposes of these Regulations, tertiary packaging does not include road, rail, ship and air containers;
- (d) shipment packaging, which is packaging added in addition to primary packaging, on items which are sold online or by a mail order which are either delivered direct to the purchaser or collected by the purchaser from a shop or other collection point after they have been purchased.

(2) The following items are also to be treated as packaging on the basis of the criteria set out below—

- (a) items that fulfil the definition in paragraph (1), without prejudice to other functions which the item may perform, unless the item is an integral part of a product and it is necessary to contain, support or preserve that product throughout its lifetime and all elements are intended to be used, consumed or disposed of together;
- (b) items designed and intended to be filled at the point of sale and disposable items supplied, filled or designed and intended to be filled at the point of sale, provided they fulfil a packaging function described in paragraph (1);
- (c) packaging components and ancillary elements integrated into packaging are considered to be part of the packaging into which they are integrated, and ancillary elements hung directly on, or attached to, a product which performs a packaging function are considered to be packaging unless they are an integral part of the product and all elements are intended to be used, consumed or disposed of together.

(3) Schedule 5 to the Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015⁽¹⁰⁾ contains illustrative examples of the application of the criteria set out in paragraph (2).

(4) For the purpose of these Regulations, packaging and packaging waste are to be treated as falling into one of the following packaging categories, depending on the material from which the packaging is made—

- (a) aluminium,
- (b) fibre-based composite materials,
- (c) glass,
- (d) paper or board,
- (e) plastic,
- (f) steel,
- (g) wood, or
- (h) other materials.

(5) Packaging materials composed of a combination of the materials referred to in paragraph (4) (“paragraph (4) materials”) are to be treated as made of the material which is predominant by weight, unless paragraph (6) applies.

(6) Where packaging materials are composed of a combination of different paragraph (4) materials in equal proportions, each material of which the packaging materials are comprised is to be treated separately for the purpose of these Regulations.

Household packaging

7.—(1) In these Regulations, “household packaging” is primary or shipment packaging which is not supplied to a business which is the final user of that packaging.

(2) All primary packaging and shipment packaging is to be treated as household packaging unless the producer supplying that packaging can provide evidence that it has been supplied to a business which does not supply to any other person—

- (a) the packaging, or
- (b) the product which the packaging contains in its packaged form.

⁽¹⁰⁾ S.I. 2015/1640.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), a product is to be treated as being supplied in its packaged form unless all packaging is removed from the product before it is supplied to the final user of that product.

(4) NRW may issue guidance on the evidence which may be used to demonstrate that primary packaging or shipment packaging is supplied to a business which is a final user of the packaging.

Producers

8.—(1) A person is a producer in relation to the packaging specified in these Regulations if—

- (a) they are established in Wales, and
- (b) they perform in any nation of the United Kingdom the functions of one or more of the following in relation to packaging, either on their own behalf, or through an agent acting on their behalf, and in the course of business—
 - (i) a brand owner,
 - (ii) a packer/filler,
 - (iii) an importer,
 - (iv) a distributor,
 - (v) an online marketplace operator,
 - (vi) a service provider, or
 - (vii) a seller.

Brand owner

(2) Unless paragraph (6) applies, and subject to paragraph (4), a brand owner is a producer in relation to—

- (a) filled packaging on which that person's brand appears; and
- (b) any packaging contained within, or forming part of, branded packaging (whether or not that packaging is branded).

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), when more than one brand appears on filled packaging, the owner of the brand who makes the first supply of the filled packaging as a single sales unit is to be treated as the brand owner and producer in relation to that packaging.

(4) Where a number of different individual branded products or unbranded products (or both) are grouped together to be sold as a single sales unit—

- (a) the brand owner for an individual branded product within the sales unit is a producer in relation to the branded packaging on that individual product;
- (b) the packer/filler is a producer in relation to any unbranded packaging within the sales unit which is filled by the packer/filler.

Packer/filler

(5) A packer/filler is a producer in relation to any filled packaging—

- (a) which is filled by the packer/filler, and
- (b) for which there is no brand owner.

(6) A packer/filler is also a producer—

- (a) where—
 - (i) the packer/filler has filled packaging,

- (ii) the packer/filler has put a brand on the packaging to assist with distribution, and not at the request of the brand owner, and
- (iii) there is no other brand on the packaging;
- (b) for any packaging which the packer/filler adds to branded packaging otherwise than at the request of the brand owner.

Importer

(7) An importer is a producer in relation to any filled packaging imported into the United Kingdom by the importer which is—

- (a) tertiary packaging, or secondary packaging, or
- (b) any other packaging—
 - (i) for which there is no brand owner,
 - (ii) where the brand owner is not responsible for the import of the packaging,
 - (iii) where the brand owner is responsible for the import of the packaging, but is not a large producer under these Regulations, or
 - (iv) where the brand owner is not established in the United Kingdom.

(8) An importer is also a producer in relation to any packaging imported by the importer into, and discarded in, the United Kingdom.

Distributor

(9) A distributor is a producer in relation to any unfilled packaging which is—

- (a) manufactured or imported by the distributor, and
- (b) supplied to a person who is not a large producer subject to obligations under regulation 15(4)(b) or (3)(b),

except where a brand owner is treated as the producer of that packaging once it is filled.

Online marketplace operator

(10) An online marketplace operator is a producer in relation to—

- (a) any packaging on items which are sold on its online marketplace by a person, acting in the course of business, who is not established in the United Kingdom, and
- (b) any unfilled packaging supplied on its online marketplace—
 - (i) by a person, acting in the course of business, who is not established in the United Kingdom;
 - (ii) to a business which is not a large producer subject to obligations under regulation 15(4)(b) or (3)(b);

provided that the packaging is received in the United Kingdom.

Service provider

(11) A service provider is a producer in relation to any reusable packaging, the first time that packaging is supplied, but not otherwise.

Seller

(12) A seller of filled packaging to the consumer of that packaging is a producer in relation to that packaging, and for these purposes, the consumer is the person who last uses the packaging in question before discarding it.

(13) In these Regulations—

“brand” (“*brand*”) means a brand name, trade mark or other distinctive mark;

“brand owner” (“*perchennog brand*”) means, subject to paragraph (3), a person whose brand appears on an item of filled packaging;

“branded packaging” (“*pecynwaith wedi ei frandio*”) means packaging on which the brand owner’s brand appears.

(14) For the purposes of this regulation, a person acts “in the course of business” if they act in the ordinary course of conduct of a trade, occupation or profession.

Meaning of expressions relating to licensors and pub operating businesses

9.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, a person (“L”) is a licensor where L is a party to a licence agreement in or under which L grants a licence to use a trade mark to another.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, a person (“P”) is a pub operating business where—

(a) P is a party to a pub operating agreement in or under which P grants a lease or tenancy of premises in Wales to another,

(b) those premises are used by the tenant in order to carry on the activity of—

(i) the sale by retail of alcohol for consumption on the premises or both on and off the premises, or

(ii) the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club or both, for consumption on the premises or both on and off the premises, and

(c) a premises licence is in force in respect of the premises.

(3) In this regulation—

“premises licence” (“*trwydded mangre*”) has the same meaning as in section 11 of the 2003 Act;

“sale by retail” (“*gwerthu drwy fanwerthu*”) in relation to any alcohol has the same meaning as in section 192 of the 2003 Act;

“supply of alcohol” (“*cyflenwi alcohol*”) has the same meaning as in section 14 of the 2003 Act.

Supply

10.—(1) In these Regulations, a person “supplies” packaging or packaging materials if that person does any of the following, either themselves or through an agent acting on their behalf, in relation to packaging or packaging materials owned by that person—

(a) selling, hiring out or lending,

(b) providing in exchange for any consideration other than money,

(c) providing in or in connection with the performance of any statutory function, or

(d) giving as a prize or otherwise making a gift.

(2) In these Regulations, an importer is to be treated as “supplying” packaging or packaging materials which the importer imports into and discards in the United Kingdom.

(3) Where the packaging or packaging materials are owned by a person who does not have a registered office or principal place of business in the United Kingdom, a supply takes place when a person who is established in the United Kingdom performs any of the actions in paragraph (1) on behalf of the owner in relation to that packaging or packaging materials.

(4) Where the packaging is branded packaging, the brand owner is to be treated for the purposes of these Regulations as supplying that packaging even if the brand owner does not perform any of the actions listed in paragraph (1) in relation to the packaging.

(5) Paragraph (4) does not apply in relation to—

- (a) any packaging which is imported into the United Kingdom by—
 - (i) an importer, unless the importer is acting as an agent for the brand owner, or
 - (ii) an online marketplace operator;
- (b) any reusable packaging supplied by a service provider.

Threshold criteria for large and small producers

11.—(1) A person is a large producer if satisfying the criteria in paragraph (3) or (5).

(2) A person is a small producer if—

- (a) satisfying the criteria in paragraph (4), but not those in paragraph (3), or
- (b) satisfying the criteria in paragraph (6), but not those in paragraph (5).

(3) A person satisfies the criteria in this paragraph if—

- (a) that person's turnover in the last financial year—
 - (i) in respect of which audited accounts are available, or
 - (ii) where audited accounts are not required for that person, in respect of which accounts are available,
 before the relevant date was more than £2,000,000, and
- (b) in the calculation year the person handled in aggregate more than 50 tonnes of packaging or packaging materials.

(4) A person satisfies the criteria in this paragraph if—

- (a) that person's turnover in the last financial year—
 - (i) in respect of which audited accounts are available, or
 - (ii) where audited accounts are not required for that person, in respect of which accounts are available,
 before the relevant date was more than £1,000,000, and
- (b) in the calculation year the person handled in aggregate more than 25 tonnes of packaging or packaging materials.

(5) Each company in a group of companies which is a producer satisfies the criteria in this paragraph if—

- (a) the aggregate of the turnovers of the companies in the group which are producers was more than £2,000,000 in the last financial year in respect of which audited accounts are available before the relevant date, and
- (b) in the calculation year the aggregate of the amounts of packaging or packaging materials handled by each such company is more than 50 tonnes of packaging or packaging materials.

(6) Each company in a group of companies which is a producer satisfies the criteria in this paragraph if—

- (a) the aggregate of the turnovers in the last financial year in respect of which audited accounts are available before the relevant date of the companies in the group which are producers was more than £1,000,000, and

- (b) in the calculation year the aggregate of the amounts of packaging or packaging materials handled by each such company is more than 25 tonnes of packaging or packaging materials.

(7) Where the person (“MB”) is a corporate body which has been formed by the merger of two or more corporate bodies—

- (a) MB’s turnover in the year of the merger is to be calculated for the purposes of this regulation as the sum of the turnovers in the last financial year of each company which has been merged, and
- (b) MB is to be treated as having handled in the year of the merger the sum of the amount of packaging or packaging materials handled by each of those companies in the calculation year.

(8) Where the assets and liabilities of a corporate body (“CB”) have been divided between two or more corporate bodies (“new bodies”), and no audited accounts are yet available for the new bodies—

- (a) each new body is to be treated as having a turnover equal to—

$$\frac{A}{XA} \times XT$$

where—

- (i) “A” is the value of the assets of the new body following the division,
 - (ii) “XA” is the value of the assets of CB before the division, and
 - (iii) “XT” is the turnover of CB in the year preceding the division year, and
- (b) each new body is to be treated as having handled an amount of packaging or packaging materials equal to—

$$\frac{A}{XA} \times XP$$

where “A” and “XA” have the meaning given in sub-paragraph (a), and “XP” means the amount of packaging or packaging materials handled by CB in the year preceding the division year.

(9) For the purposes of this regulation—

- (a) audited accounts are to be treated as being available, where the person is a company, where annual accounts have been delivered to the registrar under section 441 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) “the division year” is the calendar year in which the assets and liabilities of CB were divided between two or more companies;
- (c) the “relevant date” is 7 April in an obligation year;
- (d) a “group of companies” means a holding company and one or more subsidiaries, and for this purpose, “subsidiary” and “holding company” have the same meaning as they have in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006.

(10) For the purposes of this regulation, the amount of packaging or packaging materials handled by a person (“P”) is the amount supplied in any nation in the United Kingdom in respect of which the P is a producer under regulation 8, calculated in tonnes to the nearest tonne—

- (a) including packaging or packaging materials which were imported into the United Kingdom by P, or an agent acting on P’s behalf (and for these purposes, packaging includes reusable packaging on the first occasion that packaging is used);

(b) excluding exempt packaging.

(11) If P performs two or more functions as a producer under regulation 8 in relation to the packaging—

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (b), all packaging in relation to which P performs a function is to be taken into account for the purposes of paragraphs (3)(b), (4)(b), (5)(b), (6)(b), (7)(b) and 8(b);
- (b) if the functions P performs are performed in relation to the same packaging, that packaging is only to be taken into account once for the purposes of paragraphs (3)(b), (4)(b), (5)(b), (6)(b), (7)(b) and (8b).

(12) In this regulation—

“calculation year” (“*blwyddyn gyfrifo*”) means the calendar year preceding an obligation year; “obligation year” (“*blwyddyn rwymedigaeth*”) means a calendar year in respect of which it is being considered whether a person is subject to data collection requirements or data collecting and reporting requirements under these Regulations.

Exempt packaging

12.—(1) A producer is not subject to data collection obligations or reporting obligations in relation to any packaging or packaging materials which is exempt in relation to that producer.

(2) Packaging and packaging materials are exempt in relation to a producer (“P”) for the purposes of these Regulations, where the packaging or packaging materials are—

- (a) re-used packaging which is primary packaging,
- (b) production residues from the production of packaging or packaging materials or from any other production process occurring before, during or after P handled the packaging or packaging materials,
- (c) any packaging or packaging materials exported from the United Kingdom by P, including packaging or packaging materials exported through an agent acting on P’s behalf or which to P’s reasonable knowledge were otherwise exported from the United Kingdom (with the exception of any packaging or packaging materials exported from the United Kingdom to a marine installation),
- (d) re-used secondary or tertiary packaging, with the exception of any such re-used packaging imported into the United Kingdom, or
- (e) packaging which is scheme packaging.

(3) In paragraph (2)(c), “marine installation” means any artificial island, installation or structure at sea, other than a vessel.

(4) In paragraph (2)(e), “scheme packaging” means the packaging for a Scottish scheme article that is conceived or designed to come in direct contact with a drink (within the meaning of regulation 2(1) of the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020⁽¹¹⁾) and does not include packaging conceived or designed to group together multiple components in a multipack.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4), a “Scottish scheme article” means a “scheme article” within the definition given in regulation 3(2) of the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020, read as if, in paragraph (b) of that definition, for “16 August 2023” there were substituted “1 January 2023”.

⁽¹¹⁾ S.S.I. 2020/154. Regulations 2(1) and 3(2) have been amended by S.S.I. 2022/76.

Exclusion of charities from data collection and data reporting obligations

13. These Regulations do not apply to a charity, and for these purposes, “charity” includes anything which is a charity—

- (a) within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Charities Act 2011⁽¹²⁾, or
- (b) for the purposes of section 202 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010⁽¹³⁾.

Incapacity etc

14.—(1) Where in a relevant year a producer dies, becomes bankrupt or incapacitated (“the first producer”), that person ceases to be subject to any obligations under these Regulations for that year.

(2) Any person who carries on the activities of the first producer following that event is to be treated as a producer and to have the obligations of the producer for that year and subsequent years.

(3) Any person carrying on the activities of the first producer referred to in paragraph (1) must, within 28 days beginning with the day on which that person commences to do so, inform NRW in writing of that fact and the date of the death, the date of bankruptcy or the nature of the incapacity and the date on which it began carrying on the activities of the first producer.

(4) In relation to a producer which is a company, the references to a person becoming bankrupt or incapacitated in paragraphs (1) and (3) are to be construed as references to it going into liquidation or receivership or entering administration.

PART 2

Producers and obligations

Producer obligations

15.—(1) This regulation applies to a producer (“P”) as defined under regulation 8(1).

(2) If P is a small or large producer who is a brand owner or packer/filler, P is subject to—

- (a) the data collection obligations in regulation 16(2), and
- (b) where P is a large producer, the data reporting obligations in regulation 17(1)(a) and (b).

(3) If P is a small or large producer who is a distributor, importer or service provider, P is subject to—

- (a) the data collection obligations in regulation 16(3), and
- (b) where P is a large producer—
 - (i) who is an importer or service provider, the data reporting obligations in regulation 17(1)(a) and (b), or
 - (ii) who is a distributor, the data reporting obligations in regulation 17(1)(a) and (c).

(4) If P is a small or large producer who is an online marketplace operator, P is subject to—

- (a) the data collection obligations in regulation 16(4), and
- (b) where P is a large producer, the data reporting obligations in regulation 17(1)(a) and (d).

(5) If P is small or large producer who is a seller, P is subject to the data collection obligations in regulation 16(5).

⁽¹²⁾ 2011 c. 25.

⁽¹³⁾ 2010 c. 4. Section 202 has been amended by paragraph 27(2) of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2010 (c. 13), section 35(5) of the Finance Act 2014 (c. 26) and S.I. 2012/964.

(6) Where P is a small or large producer and P performs more than one function as a producer under regulation 8 in relation to packaging, P is subject to the obligations imposed under paragraphs (2) to (5), so far as relevant, in relation to each function P performs.

(7) If P is a producer who is a licensor or a pub operating business, Schedule 2 applies to determine whether P is subject to the data collection obligations in regulation 16(6).

(8) Paragraph (7) does not affect any obligations which a licensor or a pub operating business has under these Regulations otherwise than under Schedule 2.

Data collection obligations

16.—(1) The data collection obligations in this regulation are as follows.

Small or large producer: brand owner or packer/filler

(2) For the purpose of regulation 15(2)(a), a producer who is a brand owner or packer/filler must maintain for each data collection period, and retain for at least 7 years after the end of the data collection period to which they relate—

- (a) where the producer is a small producer, the information referred to in paragraph 10(2) of Schedule 1, or
- (b) where the producer is a large producer—
 - (i) the information referred to in paragraphs 10(3)(a) and 20(b) of Schedule 1,
 - (ii) evidence of the amount of packaging waste which they have collected and sent for recycling, as reported on under paragraph 22(1) and (3) of Schedule 1, and
 - (iii) evidence that any relevant packaging waste included in the packaging waste referred to in paragraph (ii) has been recycled.

Small or large producer: distributor, importer or service provider

(3) For the purpose of regulation 15(3)(a), a producer who is a distributor, importer or service provider must maintain for each data collection period, and retain for at least 7 years after the end of the data collection period to which they relate—

- (a) where the producer is a small producer, records of the information referred to in paragraphs 10(2) and 20(a) of Schedule 1, or
- (b) where the producer is a large producer—
 - (i) records of the information referred to in paragraphs 10(3)(a) and 20(c) of Schedule 1,
 - (ii) evidence of the amount of packaging waste which they have collected and sent for recycling, as reported on under paragraph 22(1) and (3) of Schedule 1, and
 - (iii) evidence that any relevant packaging waste included in the packaging waste referred to in paragraph (ii) has been recycled.

Small or large producer: online marketplace operator

(4) For the purpose of regulation 15(4)(a), a producer who is an online marketplace operator must maintain for each data collection period, and retain for at least 7 years after the end of the data collection period to which they relate—

- (a) where the producer is a small producer, records of the information referred to in paragraphs 17(a) and 20(a) of Schedule 1, or
- (b) where the producer is a large producer, records of the information referred to in paragraphs 17(b) and 20(c) of Schedule 1.

Small or large producer: seller

(5) For the purpose of regulation 15(5), a producer who is a seller must maintain for each data collection period, and retain for at least 7 years after the end of the data collection period to which they relate—

- (a) where the producer is a small producer, records of the information referred to in paragraph 20(a) of Schedule 1, or
- (b) where the producer is a large producer, records of the information referred to in paragraph 20(c) of Schedule 1.

Licensor and pub operating business

(6) For the purpose of regulation 15(7), a producer who is a licensor or a pub operating business must maintain for each data collection period, and retain for at least 7 years after the end of the data collection period to which they relate, records of the information referred to in paragraph 20(d) of Schedule 1.

(7) In these Regulations, “relevant packaging waste” is—

- (a) packaging waste that is not collected from households for recycling by more than 75% of the relevant authorities in Wales responsible for waste collection, and
- (b) reusable packaging which has been re-used and has become waste, whether or not it is collected from households for recycling by more than 75% of relevant authorities in Wales responsible for waste collection.

Data reporting obligations

17.—(1) A large producer (“LP”) who is subject to obligations in this regulation must, subject to paragraph (2), report the following information to NRW every six months in accordance with this regulation, in such form as NRW may direct—

- (a) the information in Part 2 of Schedule 1,
- (b) where LP is a brand owner, packer/filler, importer or service provider, the information referred to in paragraphs 10(3) and 22 of Schedule 1,
- (c) where LP is distributor, the information referred to in paragraphs 10 to 16 and 22 of Schedule 1, and
- (d) where LP is an online marketplace operator, the information referred to in paragraphs 17(b) and 22 of Schedule 1.

(2) The first report required under paragraph (1) must be made—

- (a) for the period beginning with the date on which these Regulations come into force (“the commencement date”) and ending with 31 December 2023, or
- (b) if LP does have data to report on the period from 1 January 2023 to the commencement date, for the period beginning with 1 January 2023 and ending with 31 December 2023,

and must be submitted on or before 1 April 2024.

(3) Subsequent reports must be submitted—

- (a) for the six months ending with 30 June, on or before 1 October in the same year;
- (b) for the six months ending with 31 December, on or before 1 April in the following year.

(4) LP must ensure that the information reported to NRW under this regulation—

- (a) is as accurate as reasonably possible, and
- (b) is verified by the signature of the approved person of LP.

Notification of winding-up, receivership, administration, etc

18.—(1) A producer must inform NRW as soon as is practicable upon becoming aware that one or more relevant circumstances apply or are about to apply to them.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation “relevant circumstances” are—

- (a) in the case of a corporate body—
 - (i) a winding-up order has been made or a resolution for voluntary winding-up has been passed;
 - (ii) a determination for a voluntary winding-up has been made;
 - (iii) a receiver or a manager of the company or limited liability partnership’s undertaking has been duly appointed;
 - (iv) its undertaking has entered administration;
 - (v) a voluntary arrangement proposed for the purposes of Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986⁽¹⁴⁾ has been approved under that Part of the Act;
- (b) in the case of an individual—
 - (i) a moratorium has been granted in a debt relief order, within the meaning of section 251A of the Insolvency Act 1986;
 - (ii) a composition or arrangement has been made with creditors;
 - (iii) a receiver or trustee in bankruptcy has been duly appointed;
 - (iv) a bankruptcy order has been made.

PART 3

Producers and schemes

Producers and scheme membership

19.—(1) Where a producer is a member of a registered scheme throughout a relevant year, the producer is exempt from its data reporting obligations under regulation 17 for the relevant year.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies if the producer—

- (a) provides any information the operator of the scheme requests for the purposes of meeting its obligations under regulation 20 within a reasonable period of receiving such a request,
- (b) ensures that the information provided—
 - (i) is in such form as the scheme operator and NRW may direct,
 - (ii) is verified by the signature of the approved person of the producer, and
 - (iii) is as accurate as reasonably possible, and
- (c) pays any fee required for membership of the scheme.

Schemes: general provisions

20.—(1) The operator of a registered scheme (“OS”) must carry out the data reporting obligations under regulation 17 of each producer who is a member of the scheme that OS operates, provided that the producer satisfies the conditions in regulation 19(2).

(14) 1986 c. 45.

(2) OS must retain records of any information provided to OS by its members to enable OS to make the reports required under paragraph (1), for at least 7 years after the date on which the report is submitted to NRW.

Mid-year changes

21.—(1) This regulation applies with regards to changes in membership of a registered scheme.

(2) Where a person who is a producer in respect of a relevant year becomes a member of a registered scheme during that year, the remaining data reporting obligations of the producer for that year, referred to in regulation 20(1), must be performed through the scheme.

(3) Where a person who is a producer in respect of a relevant year ceases to be a member of a registered scheme during that year, that person must comply with their remaining data reporting obligations for that year.

(4) Where a person who is a producer in respect of a year ceases to be a member of one registered scheme (“the first scheme”) and becomes a member of another registered scheme (“the second scheme”) during that year, the first scheme is not required to perform any of the producer’s remaining data reporting obligations, referred to in regulation 20(1), and all such obligations must be performed through the second scheme.

PART 4

NRW powers and duties

Publication of items recycled by relevant authorities

22. NRW must publish—

- (a) a list of the items which are collected for recycling from households by each relevant authority in Wales responsible for waste collection, and
- (b) a list of those items which are collected for recycling from households by more than 75% of the relevant authorities in Wales responsible for waste collection.

Monitoring

23.—(1) NRW must monitor in accordance with this regulation—

- (a) compliance with their data collection obligations and data reporting obligations by persons who are or may be producers, and
- (b) compliance by operators of schemes with the obligations referred to in regulation 20(1)

(2) For the purposes of the discharge of its functions under these Regulations, NRW may, serve a notice in writing (“an information notice”) on—

- (a) any person who has, or who NRW has reason to believe has, data collection obligations or data reporting obligations;
- (b) in relation to any person who is a member of a registered scheme, the operator of that scheme.

(3) An information notice may require that person to maintain records, and supply to NRW any data specified in the notice which NRW reasonably considers it needs for those purposes, in such form and within such period following service of the notice, or at such time, as is specified in the notice.

Approved persons

- 24.**—(1) NRW may approve a person listed in paragraph (2) for the purposes of—
- (a) verifying information reported by a producer to NRW under regulation 17(4)(b), or
 - (b) verifying information provided by a producer to the operator of a scheme under regulation 19(2)(b)(ii).
- (2) The persons listed are, where the producer—
- (a) is an individual, that individual,
 - (b) is a partnership, a partner,
 - (c) is a limited liability partnership, a member of that partnership,
 - (d) is a company registered in the United Kingdom, a director or company secretary of that company,
 - (e) is an unincorporated body, an individual who has control or management of that body, or
 - (f) is a company which does not have a registered office in the United Kingdom, an individual who has control or management of the producer.
- (3) Subject to regulation 25, NRW may approve the delegation by an approved person of the person’s functions to any other person.
- (4) An approved person who has delegated functions under paragraph (3) may continue to perform those functions.
- (5) For the purposes of these Regulations, an act of a delegate performing the functions of an approved person on that person’s behalf is to be treated as an act of the approved person.
- (6) In this regulation, “functions” means the functions referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation.

Delegation of approved persons’ functions: procedure

- 25.**—(1) An approved person who proposes the delegation of their functions to another person under regulation 24(3) must apply for approval to NRW on a form supplied for that purpose by NRW, signed by the approved person.
- (2) An application for approval under paragraph (1) must, within 28 days of receipt of the application—
- (a) be granted where NRW is satisfied that the proposed delegate, taking into account the factors specified in paragraph (3), is capable of carrying out the functions on behalf of the approved person, or
 - (b) otherwise be refused.
- (3) The factors mentioned in paragraph (2)(a) are—
- (a) if the proposed delegate is an employee of the producer or the operator of the scheme, the proposed delegate’s level of seniority,
 - (b) if the proposed delegate is not an employee of the producer or the operator of the scheme, the nature of the proposed delegate’s relationship with the approved person,
 - (c) the degree of the proposed delegate’s knowledge of, or access to, information necessary for the purposes of carrying out the functions on behalf of the approved person, and
 - (d) any other factor which NRW reasonably thinks is relevant.
- (4) An approval granted in accordance with paragraph (2)(a) may be for such period, or subject to such other conditions, as NRW may specify.

(5) Where an application for approval is granted in accordance with paragraph (2)(a), NRW must notify the approved person in writing of this, and of any conditions it has imposed pursuant to paragraph (4), within 28 days of its decision.

(6) NRW may decide to withdraw approval granted under paragraph (2)(a) and, if such a decision is taken, must serve on the approved person written notice of—

- (a) the decision to withdraw approval;
- (b) the reasons for the decision;
- (c) the date on which the withdrawal takes effect, not being earlier than 28 days after the date of the notice, beginning with the date of the notice.

(7) If an approved person proposes to revoke a delegation granted under paragraph (2)(a), the person must serve written notice on NRW of this and of the date when the revocation takes effect, not being earlier than 28 days from the date of the notice.

(8) In this regulation, “functions” means the functions referred to in regulation 24(1).

Entry and inspection

26.—(1) NRW may, for the relevant purposes, authorise in writing a person who appears suitable to it to exercise in Wales the powers of entry and inspection referred to in paragraph (3).

(2) The relevant purposes are the purposes of—

- (a) the functions of NRW under these Regulations;
- (b) assisting another UK regulator which has equivalent functions to NRW.

(3) The powers of entry and inspection are those set out in section 108(4)(a) to (l) of the 1995 Act (powers of enforcing authorities and persons authorised by them) in relation to Wales.

(4) For the purposes of these Regulations, section 108(4) of the 1995 Act is to be read as if references to the authorised person were references to a person authorised under paragraph (1) of this regulation and as if—

- (a) the words “(or, in an emergency, at any time and, if need be, by force)” in section 108(4)(a) were omitted;
- (b) in section 108(4)(f), for the words from “articles or substances” to the end, there were substituted “packaging and packaging materials found in land or any premises which that person has power to enter”;
- (c) section 108(4)(g) were omitted;
- (d) the references in section 108(4)(h) to any article or substance were to any sample which is or may be taken under section 108(4)(f), as modified by sub-paragraph (b) and as if the references to an offence in section 108(4)(h)(iii) were to an offence under regulation 28 of these Regulations;
- (e) the reference to records in section 108(4)(k)(i) were to the records and information required to be kept and provided to NRW under these Regulations;
- (f) the words “(other than an article or substance within paragraph (g))” in section 108(4)(ka)(ii) were omitted;
- (g) the reference in section 108(4)(l) to the power conferred by section 108 were to the power conferred by this regulation.

(5) The provisions of section 108(6) to (7F) and section 108A of the 1995 Act apply to the powers conferred by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this regulation as they apply to the powers conferred by section 108(4) of the 1995 Act respectively as it applies in relation to Wales, but as if any reference to an authorised person were to a person authorised under paragraph (1) of this regulation, and as if—

- (a) in section 108(6) and (7), the words “Except in an emergency” were omitted;
 - (b) in section 108(6), the words “or to take heavy equipment on to any premises which are to be entered” were omitted;
 - (c) in section 108(7B)(a), the reference to pollution control enactments or flood risk activity enactments were a reference to these Regulations.
- (6) The provisions of section 108(12), (12A) and (13) of the 1995 Act, as they apply in relation to Wales, apply to the powers conferred by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this regulation as they apply to the powers conferred by section 108(4) of the 1995 Act.
- (7) The provisions of paragraphs 2 to 6 of Schedule 18 to the 1995 Act (supplemental provisions with respect to powers of entry), as they apply in relation to Wales, apply to the powers conferred by this regulation as they apply to the powers conferred by section 108 of the 1995 Act respectively, but as if any reference—
- (a) to a designated person were to a person authorised in writing by NRW to exercise on its behalf any power conferred by this regulation,
 - (b) to a relevant power were to a power conferred by this regulation, including a power exercisable by virtue of a warrant under the provisions of the Schedule as applied by this paragraph, and
 - (c) in paragraph 6(1) to section 108(4)(a) or (b) or (5) of the 1995 Act were to paragraph (1) of this regulation.
- (8) In this regulation—
- “the 1995 Act” (“*Deddf 1995*”) means the Environment Act 1995(15);
- “warrant” (“*gwarant*”) means a warrant under the provisions set out in Schedule 18 to the 1995 Act as applied by paragraph (7) of this regulation.

Information sharing

27. NRW may share any information it receives under these Regulations with the following entities to enable them to carry out their functions—

- (a) another UK regulator,
- (b) the Welsh Ministers, or
- (c) any entity or office authorised by the Welsh Ministers to receive that information.

PART 5

Enforcement

Offences and penalties

28.—(1) A person who contravenes the requirement in regulation 14(3) (notice to NRW) is guilty of an offence.

- (2) A producer is guilty of an offence if contravening a requirement under any of the following—
- (a) regulation 16 (data collection obligations);
 - (b) regulation 17(2) and (3) (data reporting obligations);
 - (c) regulation 18 (notification of winding-up, receivership, administration etc).

(3) The operator of a registered scheme is guilty of an offence if contravening a requirement under any of the following—

- (a) regulation 20(1) (reporting obligations);
- (b) regulation 20(2) (record retention obligations).

(4) A person who furnishes any information to NRW in connection with the body's functions under these Regulations is guilty of an offence if, in furnishing the information, that person—

- (a) knows the information to be false or misleading in a material particular, or
- (b) provides such information recklessly, and the information is false or misleading in a material particular.

(5) A person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any requirement imposed in a notice under regulation 23(2) (monitoring) is guilty of an offence.

(6) A person who—

- (a) fails, without reasonable excuse, to give an officer of NRW (an "officer") any assistance or information which that officer reasonably requires in the exercise of their powers under regulation 26, or
- (b) intentionally delays or obstructs an officer in the exercise of powers referred to in regulation 26,

is guilty of an offence.

(7) An offence under any of paragraphs (1) to (6) is punishable—

- (a) on conviction on indictment, by a fine, or
- (b) on summary conviction, by a fine.

(8) Where—

- (a) an offence under these Regulations has been committed by a body corporate or an unincorporated association, and
- (b) it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of, or was attributable to any neglect on the part of—
 - (i) a relevant individual, or
 - (ii) an individual purporting to act in the capacity of a relevant individual,

the individual as well as the body corporate or unincorporated association commits an offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(9) If an offence committed by a person under this regulation is due to the act or default of some other person, that other person is also guilty of the offence and liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly, whether or not proceedings for the offence are taken against the first-mentioned person.

(10) In paragraph (8), "relevant individual" means—

- (a) in relation to a body corporate—
 - (i) a director, member of the committee of management, chief executive, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body, or a person purporting to act in any such capacity;
 - (ii) where the affairs of the body are managed by its members, a member;
- (b) in a limited liability partnership, a member;
- (c) in relation to a partnership other than a limited liability partnership, a partner;
- (d) in relation to an unincorporated association other than a partnership, a person who is concerned in the management or control of the association.

Enforcement

29. These Regulations are enforced by NRW.

12 July 2023

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 16 and 17

Collection and reporting of information

PART 1

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule—
 - (a) “first reporting period” means—
 - (i) the period starting on the date on which these Regulations come into force and ending on 31 December 2023, or
 - (ii) where regulation 17(2)(b) applies, the period of twelve months starting on 1 January 2023 and ending on 31 December 2023;
 - (b) “reporting period”, other than the first reporting period, means a period of six months starting on 1 January or 1 July;
 - (c) “relevant period” means the data collection period for information required for the purposes of regulation 16, and the reporting period for the purposes of regulation 17;
 - (d) references to the weight of packaging in kilograms or tonnes are references to the actual, measured weight of that packaging in kilograms to the nearest kilogram, or in tonnes to the nearest tonne.

PART 2

General Information

2. The name, address and telephone number of the registered office of the producer or, if not a company, the head office or principal place of business of the producer.
3. The business name of the producer if different from that referred to in paragraph 2.
4. The name and contact details for the individual at the producer who is responsible for dealing with enquiries from NRW.
5. The address for service of notices on the producer if different from that referred to in paragraph 2.
6. Where the producer is a partnership, the names of all the partners.
7. Each class of producer to which the producer belongs.
8. If they belong to more than one class of producer, which of those classes constitutes their main activity as a producer.
9. Where the producer is a brand owner—
 - (a) details of all names, trademarks and other distinctive marks which appear on packaging for which the brand owner is responsible;
 - (b) whether the brand owner also produces packaging on which no name, trade mark or other distinctive mark appears.

PART 3

Information required from brand owners, importers, distributors and service providers

- 10.**—(1) This Part applies to producers who are—
- (a) brand owners or, for packaging for which there is no brand owner, packer/fillers,
 - (b) importers,
 - (c) distributors, or
 - (d) service providers.
- (2) A small producer must keep records of the information in paragraphs 11 and 13(1)(a), (b) and (d) as required by regulation 16(2)(a) or (3)(a).
- (3) A large producer (“LP”) must—
- (a) keep records of the information set out in paragraphs 11 to 16 for the data collection period as required by regulation 16(2)(b) or (3)(b), and
 - (b) as required by regulation 17(1), report on that information in relation to the first reporting period and subsequent reporting periods.
- 11.** The weight in kilograms of packaging in each packaging category the producer has supplied during the relevant period.
- 12.** The weight in kilograms of household packaging in each packaging category the producer has supplied during the relevant period.
- 13.**—(1) A breakdown for the packaging supplied in each packaging category during the relevant period, specifying—
- (a) whether the packaging is primary packaging, shipment packaging, secondary packaging, or tertiary packaging (its “packaging type”);
 - (b) the weight in kilograms of packaging supplied in each packaging type;
 - (c) the weight in kilograms of household packaging supplied which is primary packaging or shipment packaging;
 - (d) the weight in kilograms of packaging, and the number of units of packaging, in each packaging category which consist of drinks containers.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(d), a “drink container” means a bottle or can which—
- (a) contains or used to contain drink,
 - (b) is made wholly or mainly from polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic, glass, steel or aluminium,
 - (c) has a capacity of at least 50 millilitres but no more than three litres of liquid,
 - (d) is designed or intended to be sealed in an airtight and watertight state at the point of supply to a consumer in the United Kingdom, and
 - (e) is not conceived, designed or marketed to be refilled or re-used in any other way by any person.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (1) does not apply in relation to imported packaging which has been discarded by an importer.
- 14.** Producers who are distributors must also, for each large producer subject to obligations under regulation 15(4)(b) or (3)(b) to whom the producer has supplied unfilled household packaging and other unfilled packaging during the relevant period, keep records of—
- (a) the identity of the producer,

- (b) the number of units of such packaging supplied, and
- (c) the weight of unfilled packaging and of unfilled household packaging supplied to that producer.

15.—(1) Where the producer has instituted a system of reusable packaging, a description of that system, including the following information—

- (a) the weight in kilograms of all packaging supplied during the relevant period that is reusable or refillable;
- (b) the weight in kilograms of the packaging referred to in paragraph (a) which is primary packaging.

(2) The information provided under sub-paragraph (1) must be given for each packaging category supplied by the producer in the relevant period.

(3) The producer need only include information on reusable household packaging in the year in which it is first supplied.

16.—(1) The weight in kilograms of household packaging supplied by the producer in the relevant period in each packaging category which consists of items listed in sub-paragraph (2).

(2) The following items are relevant for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)—

- (a) packaging provided to consumers with take-away food or drink, including wraps, boxes, cups, cup-holders, bags, paper and straws;
- (b) packaging on confectionary, where the confectionary weighs less than 230 grams, including chewing gum packaging, and chocolate wrappers;
- (c) packaging on cigarettes, cigars, tobacco and e-cigarettes;
- (d) crisp packets or packaging on other savoury snacks, where the crisps or snacks weigh less than 60 grams;
- (e) packaging on single portions of food which can be consumed immediately without further preparation, including sausage rolls, sushi, sandwiches, biscuits and individual cakes;
- (f) cartons holding 850 millilitres or less of drink whose contents can be consumed immediately without dilution;
- (g) pouches containing less than 600 millilitres of drink, whose contents can be consumed immediately without dilution.

PART 4

Information required from online marketplace operators

17. Producers who are online marketplace operators must—

- (a) where the producers are small producers, keep records of the information set out in paragraphs 18 and 19, and provide a description of the methodology they use to collate that information to NRW;
- (b) where the producers are large producers, keep records of, and report on, the information set out in paragraphs 18 and 19, and provide a description of the methodology they use to collate that information to NRW.

18. The weight in kilograms of packaging in each packaging category the producer has supplied during the relevant period.

19. The weight in kilograms of household packaging in each packaging category the producer has supplied during the relevant period.

PART 5

Supply and discarding of packaging by nation

20. Producers who are subject to the data collection obligations in regulation 16 must maintain records of the following information—

- (a) for small producers who are sellers, online marketplace operators, distributors, service provider or importers, the information in paragraph 21(1);
- (b) for large producers who are brand owners or packers/fillers, the information in paragraph 22;
- (c) for all other large producers, the information in paragraphs 21 and 22;
- (d) for producers who are licensors or pub operating businesses, the information in paragraphs 21 and 22(3).

21.—(1) The weight in kilograms of—

- (a) all packaging the producer supplies, where the producer is a seller, online marketplace operator, distributor or service provider;
- (b) all packaging the producer discards, where the producer is an importer;

in a relevant year in each nation in the United Kingdom, in each packaging category.

(2) For the purposes of reports submitted in relation to the relevant years 2024, 2025 and 2026, but not in relation to any later years, producers who are—

- (a) sellers who supply secondary or tertiary packaging may estimate the amount of packaging which had been supplied to a nation of the United Kingdom in order to calculate the weight of packaging supplied to that nation;
- (b) importers who import secondary or tertiary packaging may estimate the amount of packaging discarded in a nation of the United Kingdom in order to calculate the weight of packaging discarded in that nation.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) does not apply to packaging which is supplied directly by the seller to the person using it.

22.—(1) How much relevant packaging waste the producer has collected during the relevant period from persons other than the producer and sent for recycling.

(2) How much packaging waste the producer has collected during the relevant period—

- (a) consisting of the producer's own packaging waste, and
- (b) consisting of packaging waste from other persons.

(3) How much of the waste referred to in sub-paragraph (2) was—

- (a) collected from each nation within the United Kingdom;
- (b) sent for recycling to another nation in the United Kingdom, identifying the nation concerned.

(4) The amount of waste declared under sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) must be declared by weight, in kilograms, and be further broken down by packaging category.

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 15(7)

Licensors and Pub Operating Businesses

PART 1

General

1.—(1) A head organisation is subject to data collection obligations under regulation 16(6) in the situations set out in paragraph 2(1) where the conditions in paragraph 2(2) are met.

(2) Where a head organisation has such obligations—

- (a) paragraph 6 applies to determine the obligations of a licensor, and
- (b) paragraph 8 applies to determine the obligations of a pub operating business.

2.—(1) The situations referred to in paragraph 1 are that—

- (a) the head organisation and one or more of its members would, but for the fact that they do not all satisfy one or both of the tests for the threshold criteria in regulation 11(4), each have obligations under these Regulations,
- (b) two or more members of the head organisation would, but for not satisfying one or both of the tests for the threshold criteria in regulation 11(4), each have obligations under these Regulations, or
- (c) the head organisation has obligations under these Regulations and one or more of its members would, but for a failure to satisfy one or both of the tests for the threshold criteria in regulation 11(4), each have obligations under these Regulations.

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph 1 are that—

- (a) the head organisation satisfies the threshold test relating to turnover in regulation 11(3)(a), and
- (b) subject to paragraphs 3 and 4, the head organisation and one or more of its members, or its members alone, in one of the situations in sub-paragraph (1)(a), (b) or (c), together satisfy the threshold test relating to packaging handled in regulation 11(3)(b).

3. Where the head organisation does not have the information necessary for the purposes of Parts 2 and 3 the organisation—

- (a) must use its best endeavours to obtain such information, and
- (b) where despite having used its best endeavours it nevertheless does not have such information it must produce its best estimate and that estimate must be used for the purposes of Parts 2 and 3.

4. For the purposes of this Schedule—

- (a) “head organisation” means a licensor or pub operating business as defined in regulation 9, and
- (b) “member” means—
 - (i) where the head organisation is a licensor, a licensee being the person granted a licence to use a trade mark by the licensor under a licence agreement as provided for in regulation 9, or
 - (ii) where the head organisation is a pub operating business, a tenant being the person granted a lease or tenancy by the pub operating business as provided for in regulation 9.

PART 2

Licensors

5. Where the head organisation is a licensor, for the purposes of determining whether the condition in regulation 11(3)(b) is met, only the following packaging or packaging materials are to be taken into account—

- (a) packaging or packaging materials that bear a trade mark of the head organisation for which a licence to use such trade mark has been granted under the licence agreement,
- (b) packaging associated with goods that bear a trade mark of the head organisation for which a licence to use such trade mark has been granted under the licence agreement, and
- (c) where the member is obliged to—
 - (i) purchase goods in packaging;
 - (ii) purchase goods and associated packaging or packaging materials to be used to contain or protect such goods or to facilitate the handling of or for the presentation of such goods;
 - (iii) purchase packaging or packaging materials to be used to contain or protect such goods or to facilitate the handling of or for the presentation of such goods;

from the head organisation or, where the head organisation has negotiated some or all of the terms of the supply, a supplier nominated or authorised by the head organisation under the licence agreement, such packaging or packaging materials.

6. Where the head organisation is a licensor—

- (a) where there is a situation falling in paragraph 2(1)(a) or (b) and the conditions in paragraph 2(2) have been met, the head organisation—
 - (i) is deemed to be a producer of a class or classes specified in regulation 8, and
 - (ii) has data collection obligations in respect of its own activities, where applicable, and those of its members in respect of the packaging or packaging materials set out in paragraph 5;
- (b) where there is a situation falling in paragraph 2(1)(c) and the conditions in paragraph 2(2) have been met, the head organisation—
 - (i) has obligations as a producer in respect of its own activities,
 - (ii) is deemed to be a producer of one or more classes specified in in regulation 8, and
 - (iii) has data collection obligations in respect of the activities of its members in respect of the packaging or packaging materials set out in paragraph 5.

PART 3

Pub operating businesses

7.—(1) Where the head organisation is a pub operating business, for the purposes of determining whether the condition in regulation 11(4)(b) is met, only packaging or packaging materials specified in sub-paragraph (2) are to be taken into account.

(2) The packaging or packaging materials referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are packaging or packaging materials that contain the goods that are the subject of the obligation to purchase from the head organisation or person nominated or authorised by that head organisation under the pub operating agreement, whether or not the goods have been packed or filled in the packaging or packaging materials when they are purchased by the member.

8. Where the head organisation is a pub operating business—
- (a) where there is a situation falling in paragraph 2(1)(a) or (b) and the conditions in paragraph 2(2) have been met, the head organisation—
 - (i) is deemed to be a producer of one or more classes specified in regulation 8, and
 - (ii) has data collection obligations in respect of its own activities, where applicable, and those of its members in respect of the packaging or packaging materials set out in paragraph 7(2), or
 - (b) where there is a situation falling in paragraph 2(1)(c) and the conditions in paragraph 2(2) have been met, the head organisation—
 - (i) has obligations as a producer in respect of its own activities,
 - (ii) is deemed to be a producer of one or more classes specified in regulation 8, and
 - (iii) has data collection obligations in respect of the activities of its members in respect of the packaging or packaging materials set out in paragraph 7(2).
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose requirements on producers who are established in Wales to collect data on the packaging they supply to others, and, in some cases, to report some of that information to Natural Resources Wales.

Part 1 contains the interpretation and general provisions for the instrument.

Part 2 sets out the obligations on producers. Schedule 1 identifies the information which producers are required to collect and report on.

Part 3 makes provision for registered schemes and exempts producers who are members of a registered scheme from their data reporting obligations under these Regulations, provided that they satisfy the requirements in regulation 19(2). Registered schemes are required to make reports on behalf of each of their members who satisfy these requirements. Part 3 also makes provision in relation to changes to the membership of a scheme in the middle of a relevant year.

Part 4 sets out the powers and duties of Natural Resources Wales under these Regulations.

Part 5 provides for a number of offences and penalties for breach of the requirements imposed by these Regulations. These Regulations are enforced by Natural Resources Wales.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.