

Key Proposals

- A** Provide a rebate on return of containers



- B** Require concerned large-scale retailers to provide take-back and rebate redemption services



- C** Establish a convenient network of return points

- D** Collect recycling levy from beverage suppliers

Consultation Questions



Do you support introducing a mandatory PRS to enhance the recycling of plastic beverage containers?



Do you agree that the PPRS should cover beverage products within the volume range of 100mL-2L?



Do you support the provision of rebate under the proposed PPRS?



Do you consider a rebate at 10 cents per container an appropriate level?



If not, what should be the minimum rebate level?

- (i) 5 cents
- (ii) 20 cents
- (iii) 30 cents
- (iv) Others



Do you support that relevant retailers (in particular the larger retail stores) should be mandated to provide take-back and rebate redemption services?



What are your preferred types of locations listed below for the take-back and rebate redemption services? Please accord priority.

- (i) Public transport facilities
- (ii) Public facilities
- (iii) Shopping centres
- (iv) Supermarkets
- (v) Other relevant retail stores
- (vi) Residential estates
- (vii) Others



Do you support that we should collect the recycling levy at supplier level (i.e. manufacturers and importers) to fund the operation of the PPRS?



Do you agree that moderate reduction of recycling levy should be allowed if suppliers have provided proper arrangements to recycle plastic beverage containers meeting certain environmental requirements?



Do you support imposing licensing requirement on recycling facilities for handling the waste plastics collected under the proposed PPRS?



Do you have any specific suggestion(s) on promoting eco-packaging design?



Do you have any other comments on the PPRS and other plastic-related issues?

Tips for Using Reverse Vending Machine (RVM)

Plastic beverage containers only



Do not deform



Empty the container



Retain barcode, sleeve & cap



Other Plastic-related Issues



Collection of plastics through the Community Recycling Network



RVM Pilot Scheme to collect plastic beverage containers



Plastic Recycling Pilot Scheme to collect waste plastics



Banning sale of bottled water at government venues



Banning plastic straws & polyfoam food containers at government canteens



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Producer Responsibility Scheme on Plastic Beverage Containers



Current Situation of Plastic Beverage Containers

Amount of Plastic Beverage Containers Disposed (2019)

1.55 Billion

>200 bottles per person a year in Hong Kong



Indiscriminate use of disposable plastics



Inducing pressure on landfills



Difficult to decompose and causing damage to the environment

What is Producer Responsibility Scheme (PRS)?



Along the principle of "polluter pays" and the concept of "eco-responsibility", the Government proposes to introduce a PRS on plastic beverage containers, which requires all relevant stakeholders to share the responsibility for the collection, treatment, recycling and proper disposal of end-of-life products to avoid and minimise the environmental impacts caused by them, and enhances both the quality and quantity of the recovered materials in a more effective way.

Why to Introduce the PRS on Plastic Beverage Containers (PPRS)?



Plastic beverage containers have a higher recycling value. If properly separated at source for collection and treatment, they can be turned into resources more effectively.

In our daily lives, plastic-bottled beverages are usually consumed on-the-go, and the waste plastic containers so generated are dumped everywhere scattering throughout the territory.

Having considered that there are stable local waste plastic recycling facilities in considerable scales, we propose introducing a mandatory PRS to motivate relevant stakeholders to play their parts in contributing more to the proper and effective recycling of used plastic beverage containers.

Proposed Scope of Coverage

All sealed plastic containers containing beverages



Container volume between 100mL to 2L

Exclusion

Takeaway drink cups, drink pouches & refillable plastic containers



Pay recycling levy to fund the operation of the scheme



Comply with licence requirements

Proposed Framework & Eco-Responsibility



Suppliers
Supply of drinks



Retailers
Sale of drinks



Recyclers
Sale of recycled plastics



Public
Return of used containers



Return Points*
Supply of collected waste containers

*Including suitable retail stores and public facilities



Serve as return points to provide take-back and rebate redemption services (only apply to large retail stores selling beverages)



Return used containers and receive rebate