### **Key Proposals**

A Provide a rebate on return of containers







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





200m<sup>2</sup> retail floor area

- **©** 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 (4b) rebate level?

- (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.

- (vii) Others
- (v) Other relevant retail stores (vi) Residential estates



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 (8) 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) 10a) on promoting eco-packaging design?

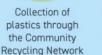


Do you have any other comments on 10b) the PPRS and other plastic-related issues?



### Other Plastic-related Issues









Sha Tin

collect waste







straws & polyfoam



#### **Share Your Views**

Please submit your views online or download the "View Response Form" and submit your return on or before 21 May 2021.

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Producer Responsibility Scheme on **Plastic Beverage Containers**  Current Situation of Plastic Beverage Containers



# 1.55 Billion

>200 bottles per person a year in Hong Kong











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# 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





Container volume between 100mL to 2L

#### Exclusion



Takeaway drink cups, drink pouches & refillable plastic containers







## Proposed Framework & Eco-Responsibility



Pay recycling levy to fund the operation of the scheme



Comply with licence requirements



## Suppliers Retailers Supply of drinks Sale of drinks





Sale of recycled plastics



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Return Points\*
Supply of collected waste containers

**(3)** 

\*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