

AVA NEWSLETTER

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Circularity Scotland Conference



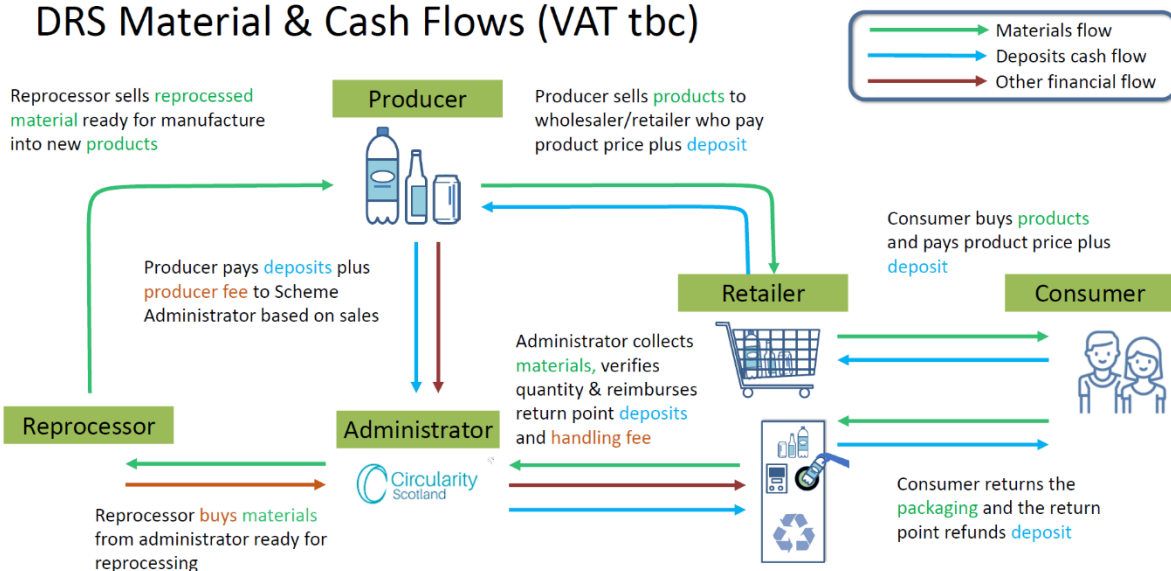
Last week, Circulatory Scotland hosted a 2-day conference in Glasgow. The conference was held to outline the current 'state of play' for the **Scottish Deposit Return Scheme** and to discuss the steps participants need to take before implementation 16 August 2023.

David Llewellyn, Chief Executive of the AVA was in attendance, here are his key takeaways:

- The DRS will require consumers to pay a 20p deposit when they buy a glass bottle, can or PET plastic container. The money is then reimbursed when the empty containers are returned to a nominated return point.
- All drinks, including soft drinks and alcoholic drinks, are included in the scheme, if they come in the following materials:
 - PET plastic – e.g., most bottled water and many fizzy drinks
 - Steel and aluminium – e.g., fizzy drinks and canned beer
 - Glass – e.g., bottles of wine or premium soft drinks
 - All Containers between 50ml and 3 litres in size are included.
- The original plan for c38,000 return points has been reduced to around 20,000. With just under 4,000 of these being Reverse Vending Machines.

The scheme is an essential part of increasing the amount of recycled material available. It is complex and will require a great deal of work before implementation - but it will happen in August next year. Suppliers & Operators must be ready to work with a system which is likely to provide the model for the rest of the UK.

DRS Material & Cash Flows (VAT tbc)



For more details of the Scheme and whether you could be affected, please visit <https://circularityscotland.com/>

How could the Scottish DRS impact Vending & Automated Retail?

Following lobbying from the AVA, any site where vending is the only retail source of product, will be exempt from offering a deposit return mechanism to consumers. Even so, there are actions which members must take.

As a business in Scotland, if you import or manufacture 'scheme articles' which are sold anywhere in Scotland, you must register as a 'producer' before 28th February 2023.

If you Operate in Scotland, you must ensure that you have documentary proof any products you buy and sell are registered products. If they are not, you could be liable to criminal prosecution.



The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for policing and enforcement of the scheme (with Police Scotland). Further details can be found [HERE](#)

At present, 'retail outlets' that are smaller than 100m² do not have to offer a return service however this exemption must be applied for – **BUT** this currently includes micro-markets!

In order to get the best deal for members, the AVA is in currently in discussion with Zero Waste Scotland about the possibility of a blanket exemption for unattended retail and micro-markets. We will issue an update in due course. In the meantime, the exemption should be applied for [HERE](#)

Update on Ireland Single Use Cup Levy



Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland

From Scotland - now to Ireland, this time regarding the Ireland Single Use Cup Levy.

As with the introduction of a charge for carrier bags – it seems Ireland are determined to become the first nation to introduce the single

cup levy. The recent consultation closed on Friday 25 November.

The AVA has argued for exemption of vending and automated retail for a variety of reasons, including:

- Nearly 70% of all vending (and tabletop) hot beverage machines are free vend and have no way of charging a consumer for a cup at point of dispense.
- The RIA studied impact on retail at €2 or more. The average vended price of a hot drinks is 46c therefore a 20c levy would be an unfair imposition in vending.
- As a result of previous lobbying work by the AVA and the EVA, vending is already considered a 'special case' (RIA document page 47).

To read the AVA's full submission, head to [HERE](#)

The Irish Government consultation documents can also be found here:

- [Consultation Paper](#)
- [Draft regulations](#)
- [Regulatory Impact Assessment](#)



Hurry up! We have just **2** (returned) tickets left for our annual Christmas luncheon.

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Dates for your 2023 diary

The world cup may be on, but thinking beyond that is the start of the New Year. Here are just a few key dates for your diary:

- [FPA Environmental Seminar](#) – 19 January 2023
- [VENDEX Midlands](#) – 22 March 2023
- AVA Technical Day - April 2023
- [The Vendies](#) - 7 June 2023
- [Out of Home Summer Gala](#) 8 June 2023
- AVA Christmas Luncheon 2023 - 7 December

For a full view of upcoming events visit: <https://www.the-ava.com/calendar/>

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