

## ANNEX A

Below is the % exemptions granted based on total applications received for Environmental Health and Proximity categories with removed data that distorts the figures up to 24 February 2023.

You will see that the majority of the exemptions rejected were from two large retailers who submitted a large volume with same premiss. This has had a significant impact on the total applications rejected against the number we have received.

- Retailer 1 (15 applications) - lack of storage space - rejected as sales volume justified Reverse Vending Machines with suitable collection schedule.
- Retailer 2 (49 applications) - cost to build storage - rejected as cost for storage part of Reverse Vending Machines installation cost and not applicable for exemptions.

### Environmental Health exemptions

Status	Amount
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Zero Waste Scotland to Review</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>SG to give outcome</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Review completed</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Granted</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Rejected*</b>	<b>67</b>

\*64 rejected based upon mass applications from two large retailers with the same premiss as outlined above.

To provide an accurate reflection, when mass rejection were removed we received 12 application of which 9 were granted which equates to 75% of those who applied.

### Proximity exemptions

Status	Amount
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Zero Waste Scotland to Review</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total Review completed</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Granted</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Rejected</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Inappropriate Applications*</b>	<b>16</b>

\*Inappropriate applications include retailers in England who applied in error, large supermarkets who have applied for an exemption for their petrol stations but are already operating the scheme on their site and so an exemption is not required.

To provide an accurate reflection, when inappropriate applications are removed we received 17 application of which 13 were granted which equates to 76% of those who applied.