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**Subject:** Circularity Scotland - additional information and responses to supplementary questions

**For the attention of Edward Mountain MSP, Convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, Scottish Parliament**

Dear Convener,

Please find attached additional information and responses to supplementary questions from Circularity Scotland following senior executives' attendance at the committee session on 28 March, 2023.

We hope the committee finds the attached information useful.

Please do get in touch if any further information or clarification is required.

With kinds regards,  
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Communications Manager, Circularity Scotland.

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**Subject:** For info: next DRS EOG to be 5 May  
All

Unfortunately we have been unable to secure a date in two weeks' time for the rescheduled DRS EOG. Kevin has agreed that the next EOG will be the session on Friday 5 May.

Thanks

[Redacted]

**Executive Assistant to the Director | Environment & Forestry Directorate  
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**From:** [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Director of Environment & Forestry  
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**Subject:** For info: tomorrow's DRS EOG to be rescheduled

Hi all

Please note tomorrow's DRS EOG will be rescheduled. I am in touch with business support staff to arrange an alternative slot in two weeks' time.

Thanks

[Redacted]

**Executive Assistant to the Director | Environment & Forestry Directorate  
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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Director of Environment & Forestry  
**Sent:** 07 February 2023 16:21  
**To:** Director of Environment & Forestry; Carmichael K (Katriona); [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]@sepa.org.uk'; [Redacted]@zerowastescotland.org.uk'; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; [Redacted]; Campbell E (Elisabeth); McPhee D (David)  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** DRS Executive Oversight Group - 3rd meeting  
**When:** 04 April 2023 11:30-13:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.  
**Where:** MS Teams

17.2.23

Bringing forward to Tuesday 4 April from 11.30 – 13.00. This was the date that suited most calendars, as per the Doodle poll.

Thanks

[Redacted]

With thanks to all for their assistance in finding a date, please accept this invite for the third meeting of the Deposit Return Scheme Executive Oversight Group.

Agenda and corresponding papers to follow.

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**From:** McPhee D (David) <[Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 19 April 2023 11:40  
**To:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]@Circularityscotland.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Time for a quick chat?

On call's just now but will call after 12 if that works?

**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]@Circularityscotland.com>  
**Sent:** 19 April 2023 10:34  
**To:** McPhee D (David) <[Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Time for a quick chat?

[Redacted]. Number below.

Thanks  
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<[Redacted]@transport.gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@transport.gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Contact details

[Redacted],

I believe you were needing email details for colleagues you have been speaking (copied in) to invite them to a board meeting tomorrow.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

David

**David McPhee**  
**Deputy Director: Deposit Return Scheme**  
**Directorate for Environment and Forestry**

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**From:** McPhee D (David) <[Redacted]@gov.scot>  
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**Subject:** RE: Catch Up Tomorrow

Sure thing

**From:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]@Circularityscotland.com>  
**Sent:** 17 April 2023 14:13

**To:** McPhee D (David) <[Redacted]@gov.scot>; [Redacted] <[Redacted]@Circularityscotland.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Catch Up Tomorrow

Thanks David. Could you send over the invitations for the Minister's briefing to producers, retailers and eNGOs as soon as possible so we can make sure we are lined up?

Best wishes

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**Subject:** RE: Comms and Q&A

Hi,

We've pulled together a couple of questions relating to the exemption applications to clarify the position for RPOs. It would also be helpful to agree a line on the intended impacts of the scheme setting the small changes in the context of the wider environmental benefits.

**Does this announcement affect the exemptions system?**

No, this announcement will not change the eligibility criteria for exemptions or how the process will be carried out. Zero Waste Scotland will continue to make updates to the guidance and exemptions process to make it as simple and clear as possible for retailers and others. Full details are available at [www.depositreturn.scot](http://www.depositreturn.scot)

**Does this affect existing exemptions?**

No, there are not changes to exemptions and all return point exemptions granted to date remain valid.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: Comms and Q&A

Hi all,

Ahead of tomorrow, below are some of the questions we'll need clear lines on across all partners. Please add any others you think are missing.

At the comms meeting today we discussed the possibility of proactively emailing producers that have already registered to explain what the new launch date means for them so that they get the information directly. [Redacted].

[Redacted] – would you be able to check if Sepa could do similar as [Redacted] wasn't on the call today so not sure if she's off this week?

- What is the new producer registration deadline?
- Can registered producers get a refund of their registration fee from Sepa and the producer fees from Circularity Scotland?
- When will regulations be amended?
- What are the financial implications for Circularity Scotland?
- Will businesses be compensated for the money they have invested preparing for August (renting RVMs, changing labelling, etc.)?

Thanks,  
[Redacted]

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** David McPhee <[@gov.scot">@gov.scot](mailto:)>

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**Subject:** Comms and Q&A

**When:** 18 April 2023 10:30-11:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

To all,

As discussed I am putting in time to discuss our Q&A and comms that will be needed this week.

Thanks  
David

**From:** [Redacted]@gov.scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023 11:48 AM  
**To:** [Redacted] <[Redacted]@Circularityscotland.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Follow up on consultation response from RVMsystems on DRS

Hi [Redacted]

I met with [Redacted] from Defra last week, he is leading on options for excluding containers based on size for England. He is currently exploring 2 options 100ml and 150ml. They had been leaning towards 100ml in line with most of the schemes in Europe. [Redacted]. This supplier has offered a meeting with [Redacted] to discuss in more detail. I have gone back to [Redacted] to say we would be grateful to receive an invite to any meeting and that I can be available at short notice. [Redacted] shares the desire to have this chat asap but I am unsure just how fast that will happen.

We have a few questions for CSL on this:

[Redacted]

Happy to have a chat if that would be helpful.

Many thanks  
[Redacted]