

**Copies of all correspondence sent to UKG in relation to the Deposit Return Scheme between 17/04/2023 and 21/04/2023:**

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**Subject:** FW: DRS - Trading standards update

Hi [Redacted],

I have been on leave and am just following up on our discussions from a few weeks ago re the Price Marking Order and DRS.

I think that [Redacted] had let you know there was some correspondence coming to your Ministers on this a few weeks ago. I am hoping that has made its way to you. I haven't seen any response to that yet, so apologies if something has come that I haven't seen.

I had a couple of specific questions that I want to run by you. First off, I was hoping you could give me an update on where you are at with advice to your Ministers on this issue – I am not anticipating you will have had any sort of decision, but I am anticipating that I will be asked where things are at, so any indication of where you are at in the process would be very helpful.

Secondly, when we spoke you were going to consider possibly engaging with Trading Standards Scotland on this issue, and I had asked if you would be willing to speak with SCOTTS following them suggesting they would welcome engagement with yourselves. This is an idea that has again been raised by SCOTSS – see email below that was sent from my director while I was on leave. I was wondering if we could have a chat about whether you had spoken to Trading Standards Scotland and the possibility of you having a discussion with SCOTSS and how we might be able to help facilitate that.

Thanks very much.  
[Redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: Deadline 3pm today: RE: DRS/PRN exemption - update and ask

Thanks [Redacted].

[Redacted]in my team would be very happy to feed into those discussions to make sure we get things right Aware of the added complications of two delays (though if no change needed to PRNs in 2023 then might end up being simpler?)

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**Subject:** Deadline 3pm today: RE: DRS/PRN exemption - update and ask

Hi both

Sorry to press but we've been asked for confirmation of this line by 3pm today. Note minor change in red below to the version sent to you yesterday. **We'll assume it's okay to use** unless we hear from you by the deadline.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
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**Subject:** DRS/PRN exemption - update and ask

[Redacted], [Redacted]

I'm using this thread to confirm that our FM has made an announcement this afternoon that Scottish DRS will be delayed until 1 March 2024. I've mentioned at recent packaging meetings that we were expecting an announcement.

[Scottish deposit return scheme delayed until March - BBC News](#)

Clearly we will need to do further work on the implications for PRNs in 2023 and for the Packaging Extended Producer Responsibility main SI (and possibly other things that I've not thought of). It would be useful to pick this up as soon as possible. As well as our packaging team, I've copied in [Redacted], who has recently joined our DRS team with a specific task to look at DRS and PRNs, including working on the policy and practical implications of the delay announced today.

In the meantime, we have an immediate task to provide briefing for our Minister in advance of a Ministerial statement she is making later this week. Can you confirm asap that you are content with the following line for this week (pending further discussions in due course)?

**Packaging Recycling Notes (PRNs):** *To ensure that producers are not charged twice, recycling obligations under the packaging producer responsibility system currently placed on drinks containers in scope of a Scottish DRS will no longer apply once DRS is introduced, and as a result this material will no longer have to obtain PRNs to evidence its recycling.*

Regards  
[Redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: IMA - info asks

Hi [Redacted],

If you are still free at 1145, I'll put in a short teams call for us then.

We can move to later if that no longer works.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** RE: IMA - info asks

Hi [Redacted], [Redacted]

Apologies for the delay in replying, it's been rather busy!

On catch up, let's arrange for when [Redacted] is back. Perhaps her office could get in touch with [Redacted] to suggest a suitable time? Although [Redacted] or I will try

to catch you [Redacted], tomorrow, re a point in the minister's statement (unless you are working late – I hope not - in which case happy have a quick chat this evening)

I've just caught up with [Redacted] email on the info ask re your paper to No.10. We'll reflect here and get back to you as soon as we can.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** FW: IMA - info asks

Morning [Redacted],

To confirm that Minister Slater's statement to Scottish Parliament will be on Thursday afternoon. As mentioned in the return, the Minister will set out the details on the package which was mentioned by the FM yesterday. We'll be able to discuss in detail after the announcement so [Redacted] and I would be happy to update you and [Redacted] – perhaps Friday or early next week? Let us know what may suit.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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Hi [Redacted],

Please find attached contributions to your note. As before, apologies for the delay but I hope you may appreciate that it has been a busy day with parliamentary activity.

Excuse the rather bright green highlighting but thought a highlight was easier to identify our input.

Let me know if you require anything further.

Thanks

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**Subject:** RE: IMA - info asks

Hi [Redacted],

A quick update that we will get a reply to you shortly. Apologies, it has taken longer than anticipated especially with all the activity today in our parliament.

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**Subject:** RE: IMA - info asks

Hi [Redacted],

Just to update that we are working on this and aim to have something over to you early afternoon.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** IMA - info asks  
**Importance:** High

Hi [Redacted], [Redacted],

Further to our catch up this afternoon, please would you let us know specifically what Defra may require from SG, by when and for what audience.

You have the link to our BRIA but it's here for completeness: [Deposit return scheme - Managing waste - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#) You mentioned running past us info that you would pull down from here – happy to help.

Thanks,

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