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Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Welsh Parliament
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Huw,

I am writing to inform the Committee that I have given consent to the UK Government exercising a delegated legislative power in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

In July 2023, Ministers across the UK announced a 12-month delay to the introduction of the new Extended Producer Responsibility regime for packaging. To cover the gap that would otherwise exist, between the targets set under the current packaging scheme which end in 2023 and introduction of the new Extended Producer Responsibility regime, agreement is being given to the Secretary of State making The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023. This instrument is being made by the Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 50 of and paragraphs 1(1) and 2(2) of Schedule 4 to the Environment Act 2021.

The SI amends the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/871). The 2023 regulations will roll forward the existing packaging producer responsibility targets for 2023 (except for wood which will be increased from 35% to 42%). Those Regulations impose on producers of packaging, obligations to recycle packaging waste in order to attain overall recycling and material-specific recycling targets. These Regulations set an overall recycling target of 80% and material-specific recycling targets for glass (82%), plastic (61%), aluminium (69%), steel (87%), paper/board (83%) and wood (42%) as well as a specific re-melt target for glass (82%).

Yours sincerely,

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