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Good afternoon,

Reminder to report packaging data under the new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging regulations

Thank you for your support to date as we ensure all producers meet their legal obligation to report packaging data under the new EPR regulation.

To avoid enforcement action being taken against your members from June, we are writing to ask that your highlight this obligation over the remainder of May.

Please <u>send this link to your members</u>, which contains the key information that obligated producers will need when submitting their packaging data.

We will continue to highlight this obligation via Defra's social media accounts, throughout forums and newsletters and have a dedicated helpline (0300 060 0002) available to support all businesses.

We will also continue to publish and refresh weekly, a public list of the large producers who have submitted data.

Packaging Data Reporting deadline

Organisations that are obligated under the new EPR regulations must report their 2023 packaging data to the regulator no later than 31 May 2024. After this point, regulators may take enforcement action against them.

Why it is important to report packaging data on time

For EPR to benefit all businesses fully, and to reflect the true cost of managing packaging waste, obligated producers must submit their data accurately and in a timely manner.

What happens if a company does not submit the data as required by law?

Failure to comply with regulatory requirements may result in enforcement by the regulators. Enforcement actions include advice and guidance, a warning letter, a formal caution and in the last resort, prosecution.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to roll out these important new packaging regulations.

Yours sincerely,

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