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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: UK TBT Enquiry Point Trade Policy Group Department for Business and Trade Old Admiralty Building London SW1A 2DY tbtenquiriesuk@businessandtrade.gov.uk
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): 3923 Articles for the conveyance or packing of goods, of plastics; stoppers, lids, caps and other closures, of plastics, 4819 packaging made of paper and cardboard, 7010 Carboys, bottles, flasks, jars, pots, phials, ampoules and other containers, of glass, of a kind used for the conveyance or packing of goods, preserving jars, stoppers, lids and other closures, of glass, 6305 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of all types of textile materials 8309 Stoppers, caps and lids, incl. crown corks, screw caps and pouring stoppers, capsules for bottles, threaded bungs, bung covers, seals and other packing accessories Ex 6909 Ceramic wares for laboratory, chemical or other technical uses; ceramic troughs, tubs and similar receptacles of a kind used in agriculture; ceramic pots, jars and similar articles of a kind used for the conveyance or packaging of goods 7310 Tanks, casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers, for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of iron or steel, of a capacity not exceeding 300 l, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment 7612 Aluminium casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers (including rigid or collapsible tubular containers), for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas),

of a capacity not exceeding 300 litres, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment Ex 3919, Ex 3920, Ex 3921 – wrappings if made of plastics Ex 4804, Ex 4805, Ex 4808, Ex 4813, Ex 4823 – wrappings if made of paper To note that the above listed products are only in scope of the labelling requirements if they are used as 'primary packaging' (regulation 7.1.a) or 'shipment packaging' (regulation 7.1.d) of the draft regulations. 1. primary packaging, which is packaging conceived so as to constitute a sales unit to the final user or consumer at the point of purchase; 2. Shipment packaging, which is packaging in addition to primary packaging on items which are sold online or by mail order which are either delivered direct to the purchaser or collected by the purchaser from a shop or other collection point after they have been purchased.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Regulations The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024 (Provisions being notified are Part 3 – Chapter 2 – Recycling Information); (4 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: The Regulations will require certain categories of businesses, including importers who are established and supply packaged products in the UK, to label packaging as 'Recycle' or 'Do Not Recycle' together with a logo, as specified in the Regulations. Businesses that manufacture or import unfilled packaging for supply to another business will be required to provide information on its recyclability. This will inform correct labelling by the businesses that subsequently fill that packaging. A common methodology to determine recyclability will be publicly available. This will inform businesses which label to apply. The Regulations will include details of the types of packaging that must be labelled, flexibility regarding medical and veterinary products, and exemptions for certain packaging items such as small packaging.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The UK Government is committed to protection of the environment by making better use of our resources and reducing waste, and supporting this by ensuring consumers are provided with information to inform their decisions. To make it easier for consumers to recycle packaging we are requiring businesses to adopt a single label format which will become widely recognised as the UK recycling symbol. This will help to provide clear and consistent information to support consumers to dispose of their packaging waste correctly.; Consumer information, labelling; Protection of the environment
8. Relevant documents: Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024 May 2019 Consultation Document: Consultation on reforming the UK packaging producer responsibility system - Defra - Citizen Space Government response to May 2019 Consultation: Packaging waste: changing the UK producer responsibility system for packaging waste - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) March 2021 Consultation Document: Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging - Defra - Citizen Space Government Response to the March 2021 consultation: EPR Consultation Government response template (publishing.service.gov.uk)

July 2023 Consultation Document: Consultation on the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024 - Defra - Citizen Space	
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 January 2025 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 April 2027; Businesses can comply with the labelling provisions prior to 1st April 2027 if they choose.
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Trade Policy, Implementation and Negotiations Department for Business and Trade Old Admiralty Building, London SW1A 2DY Email: TBTEnquiriesUK@businessandtrade.gov.uk Website: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-and-trade (Provisions being notified are Part 3 – Chapter 2 – Recycling Information) https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/GBR/24_02787_00_e.pdf