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Dear Llyr,

I am writing to inform you that The Packaging Waste (Data Collection and Reporting) (Wales) Regulations 2023 will shortly be laid before the Senedd.

The regulations will support the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging scheme. The EPR for packaging scheme will require producers to take responsibility for the environmental impact of the packaging they place on the market by obligating them to pay for the collection and disposal costs of this packaging when it becomes waste. This will provide a key incentive for producers to both reduce the amount of packaging and to improve the recyclability of packaging.

These regulations will require producers of packaging to collect and, in some cases, report data on the amount and type of packaging they place on the market. This data is required in order to calculate the fees producers will need to pay under the EPR for packaging scheme.

The data collected under these regulations during 2023 will be used to calculate producer fees and payments to local authorities in financial year 2024/25. These requirements are intended to be in place for a short interim period, after which they will be revoked and replaced by the regulations which will implement the EPR scheme for packaging, including data reporting provisions.

Yours sincerely,

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