



Key Retailer Obligations under the Retailer Membership Rules

What you need to know about Deposit Return Scheme Ireland

Deposit Return Scheme Ireland (DRSI), trading as Re-turn, has been appointed by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to operate a deposit return scheme for plastic beverage bottles, aluminium and steel cans. This is a Producer funded scheme to assist Ireland in reaching its recycling obligations. All Producers who put in scope products on the market and all Retailers who sell in scope products are legally required to register with the scheme.

The Scheme will go live on 1 February 2024 and Re-turn is here to help you get fully prepared.

You can register with the Scheme [here](#). When you register you are signing up to the [Retailer Membership Rules](#) which set out your key obligations and how the scheme will operate.

Summary of Key Obligations:

- All Retailers that sell In Scope Products are legally required to register with DRSI. The Retailer will be required to submit to DRSI information in respect to all retail outlet(s) operated by the Retailer for the registration.
- Retailers must register details of all retail outlets they operate that sell in-scope products.
- When you register with the Scheme you will be agreeing to charge a deposit on all in scope products (15c for 150ml- 500ml and 25c for 500ml -3 litres) , to take back in scope products using a Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) or manually (manual handling), to securely store these for collection by DRSI and to reimburse deposits to consumers who return empty, undamaged in scope products featuring the Re-turn logo.
- Retailers will be paid a handling fee for each in-scope container they collect as follows:

Handling Fee	
Manual Collection	€0.026
RVM Collection	€0.022

- There is a RVM incentive programme for Retailers who elect to install an RVM. [Financial support](#)
- A logistics company will collect the in scope products from your store and DRSI will prepare a Monthly Report containing information regarding the numbers of in scope products collected and the value of the deposits returned to consumers. The Retailer gets three days to verify this report and then DRSI will prepare an invoice based on the Monthly Report and pay the Retailer within 30 days of the date of the invoice.
- You are not obliged to take back damaged or dirty in scope containers or those that do not have the Re-turn logo.
- There will be a Transition Period to ensure the smooth transfer to the new scheme so from 1 January 2024, you will be able to buy and/or receive In-Scope Products that have the Re-turn logo and registered barcode with the Scheme, so you have in scope products available to place on the shelves on 1 February for the Scheme launch. From 15 March 2024, a Retailer will not be allowed to buy and/or receive any In-Scope Product that is considered non-compliant (does not have Re-turn logo/registered barcode) from a Producer. From 31 May 2024, a Retailer will not be allowed to sell or supply products that are non-compliant (i.e., in-scope products that do not have Re-turn logo and registered barcode).

- There is a Takeback Exemption facility for Retailers who operate certain formats that are 250 sqms or under. Full details to follow.
- The Retailer is obliged to reimburse the value of the original Deposit paid to any Consumer returning an In-Scope Product, irrespective of where the In-Scope Product was purchased, and the Deposit first paid.
- The Retailer will be provided with any logo or brand assets upon successful registration as a Scheme member.
- The Retailer must keep separate accurate books and records of all In-Scope Products sold and/or supplied by the Retailer in Ireland.
- Should a Retailer commit a material breach of the Retailer Membership Rules, DRSI may terminate the Retailer's membership with immediate effect.

This is just an explanatory note. The full Retailer Membership Rules, which include the details of how the Scheme will operate and how compliance and enforcement will be managed, are available [here](#).

As part of the final step of your registration process, you will be asked to log in using the details provided for you to inform yourself of the Retailer Membership Rules. You will then be asked to agree to follow the Retailer Membership Rules before becoming a member of the Scheme.

It is important that you register now with DRSI on www.re-turn.ie so that we can provide you with the log on details to the portal for when it goes live on the 1st August 2023.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our team at info@re-turn.ie.