

**Ireland's New** Deposit Return Scheme HOW MANUAL COLLECTIONS **WILL WORK** 11/7/2023



## BACKGROUND

- Many small retail outlets that wish to provide a take back service for DRS materials will not have the space or quantity of returns required to justify investment in a Reverse Vending Machine. Therefore, they will operate a manual takeback service.
- Re-turn will supply plastic bags and tags to retailers operating a manual takeback service.



## **RETAILER REGISTRATION**

- All retail outlets selling beverages in PET bottles and aluminium cans <u>must register</u> with Re-turn.
- The Re-turn Retailer Portal will open for registrations on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- When registering with Re-turn, all retail outlets offering a takeback service will be asked to choose between operating an automatic service, via Reverse Vending Machine(RVM), or a manual service via plastic bags.
- All retail outlets <u>measuring < 250 square metres</u> of customer facing space may apply to Re-turn for an exemption from operating a take-back service.

## **RETAILER REGISTRATION CONTD.**

 Retailer registrations, including the type of collection offered, must be completed and confirmed on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to facilitate planning of the most efficient collection routes.

## **HOW WILL IT WORK?**

- 1. Re-turn has contracted with LPP to provide a collection service for DRS materials including those from both automatic and manual collections.
- 2. LPP will deliver bags and tags to all retail outlets operating a manual takeback service.
- 3. LPP will use a fleet of dedicated vans to collect DRS materials from manual collection points.
- 4. Collections will take place weekly on average, but extra collections are possible if returns are greater than anticipated or for difficult locations such as city centres.





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