

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 1st, 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.

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 Retailer registrations, including the type of collection offered, must be completed and confirmed on or before October 31st, 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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