

Ireland's New Deposit Return Scheme

Producer Update

3rd of April 2024



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Agenda

- The Deposit Return Scheme Progress to Date
- Transition Period Management & Enforcement
- Product Placement Reporting
- Q&A





Deposit Return Scheme Progress to Date



Re-turn Dashboard – 1st Apr



Total number of transactions on 1st Apr.

- 441k transactions from 1459 separate premises and 2055 individual RVMs.
- Total number of containers accepted 1.4M to a deposit value of €243k.
- Total number of separate barcodes returned 2186.

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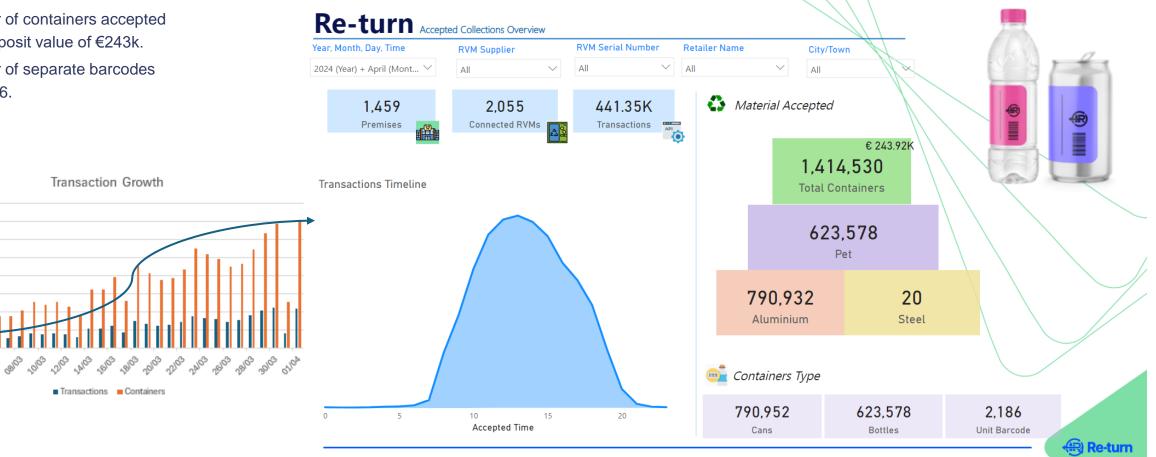
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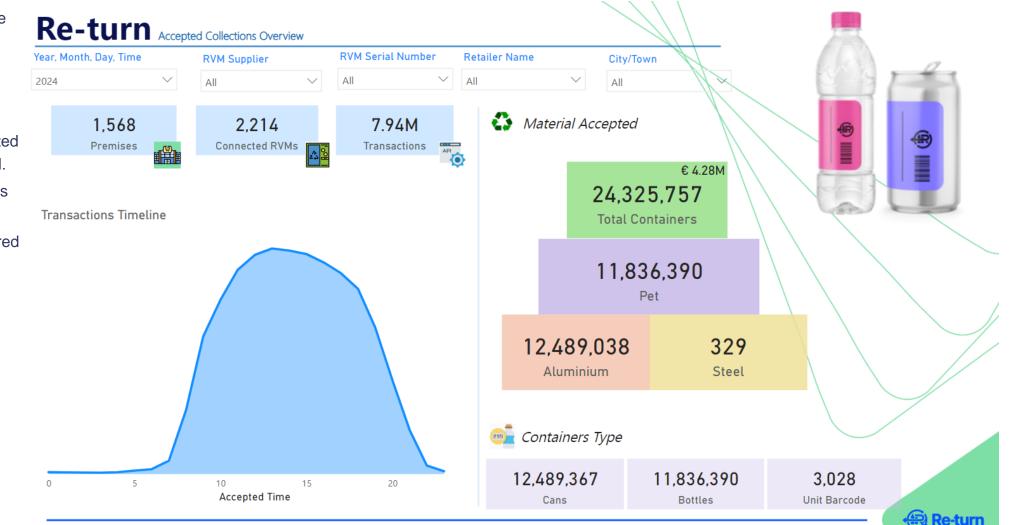
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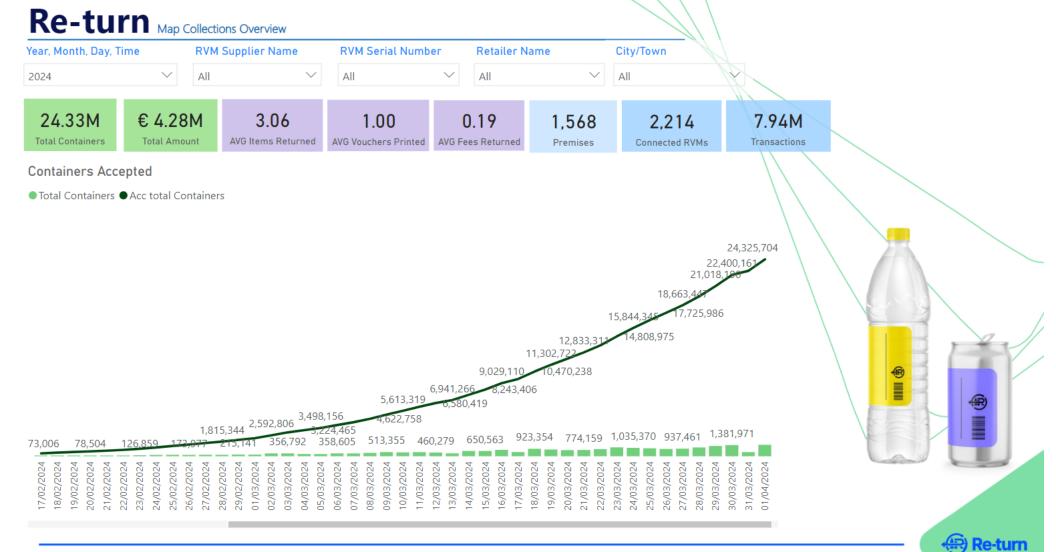
Re-turn Dashboard – Cumulative Since Go Live

- Total number of transactions Since Go-Live
- 7.94M transactions from 1568 separate premises and 2214 individual RVMs.
- Total number of containers accepted 24.3M to a deposit value of €4.2M.
- Total number of separate barcodes returned 3028.
- Number of producers fully registered – 183
- Number of separate barcodes registered 6,152



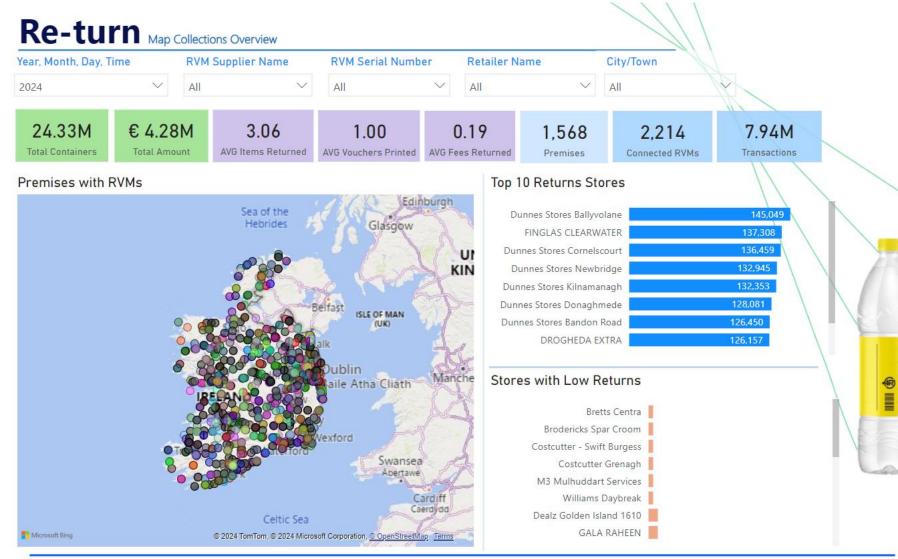
Re-turn Dashboard – Cumulative Since Go Live

 This demonstrates the cumulative growth in containers returns since go live of the scheme.



Re-turn Dashboard – Map Collections Overview

- This map illustrates cumulative number of transactions and the locations from where the returns are being made across Ireland.
- Dunnes Stores are #1 return location across Ireland with Tesco #2.



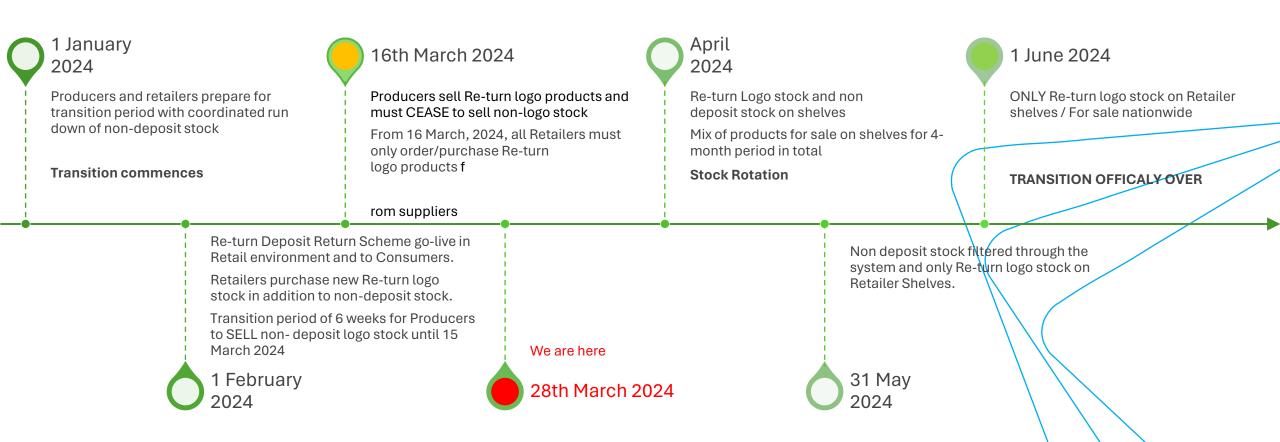
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Transition Period Management & Enforcement



Producer Transition Period Timeline



We set a transition timeline for the deposit return scheme to ensure convenience for retailers, clarity for consumers, waste prevention, and to make a clear, direct statement about the shift in policy and a timeline for a bedding down of the scheme for all stakeholders.

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Transition Guidelines

We have now passed two significant milestones which mark out our transition period: March 15th +

- Producers are prohibited from selling non-deposit stock to retailers
- Wholesalers and distributors are advised against purchasing non-deposit stock

What does this mean?

- Wholesalers may continue to sell / distribute non-deposit stock to Retailers after 15 March (if they are not the producer (importer) of that product).
- However, please be aware that the closer to 31 May 2024 that that sale is made, the more
 pressure their customers will be under to onward sell the non-deposit stock before 1 June
 2024.

What comes next?

- Throughout April retailers will be required to manage stock with the logo and without the logo on shelves simultaneously
- By the end of May we anticipate that most non-logo stock will be sold and filtered out of the system.
- Transition Period will end on May 31st, as only DRS-logo stock can be sold from June 1st onwards.

Enforcement

• Enforcement of the DRS Regulations

The Enforcement of the DRS Regulations will be a national priority in 2024

Regulation 19 of the DRS Regulations outlines the responsibilities of the Local Authorities in this regard: "Each local authority shall be responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of these Regulations within their functional areas and shall appoint authorised persons to take such steps as are necessary for this purpose."

Offences, Prosecution and Penalties are set out in Regulations 20 and 21

Re-turn have been supporting the WERLAS (Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities) in the development of their Enforcement Plans for DRS (guidance documents, templates, training materials etc.) & in enabling access to data from the scheme for enforcement

The enforcement authorities will focus on ensuring that all in scope stakeholders are compliant with the Regulations

- The transition period for Producers / Wholesaler Producers ended on 15th March and only in-scope products which comply with the requirements of the Regulations may be placed on the market.
- Post 31st May, the focus will be on ensuring correct application of the deposit and that only DRS stock is being sold

All instances of potential fraud will be investigated by the enforcement teams.



Product Placement Reporting



Producer Product Placement Reporting

Key Requirements

- Monthly report required by the 7th of each month.
- ROI Specific Barcodes actual sales volumes from the previous month.
- International (shared) barcodes volumes forecasted for the month ahead. Why?
 - International barcodes pose a significant financial fraud risk for the scheme both during the transition period and ongoing from a cross border perspective.
- If over forecast adjust for the following month.
- Product placement reports must be submitted for the total number of individual cans or bottles (not cases or number of multipack units) as it is the individual container that incurs the deposit charge and producer fees.
- All reports must be submitted on the portal.

Producer Product Placement Reporting

Key Requirements

- Ensure financial details have been provided.
- If a PO is required, this should be selected within the Financial Details screen. If a PO is not required, but is mandatory on the reporting screen, this can be unselected on the Financial details screen.
- All products, actual and forecast data, should be included within the same report.



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- International barcodes will be on the report twice, once with actual sales for last month (report type
 A) and again with forecasts for current month (report type F),
- Ensure barcode and date fields are formatted to 'text' to ensure lead 0s are maintained (adding an apostrophe (') at the front often helps,
- Product volumes should not have any commas,
- File should not be blank,

Producer Product Placement Reporting

Reporting and Invoicing Dates

- Portal opens for reporting on the 1st of each month.
- Report to be submitted by 5:00pm on the 7th of each month.
- Reports can be adjusted up until this date and time.
- Reports submitted between the 8th and 12th of the month will incur an administrative surcharge of 5% over the producer fees due to Re-turn.
- Where a report is not submitted to Re-turn by the 12th of the month an estimated invoice based on the last available report will be issued including an administrative surcharge of 10% over the producer fees due to Re-turn.
- Please note that we will not provide estimated invoicing indefinitely. Failure to report is a breach
 of contract and may lead to revocation leaving you in breach of the regulations.

Producer Product Placement Demo

Downloading the template.mp4 (sharepoint.com)

File upload.mp4 (sharepoint.com)

Financial info.mp4

Formatting barcode and date columns.mp4 (sharepoint.com)

Selecting PO requirement.mp4 (sharepoint.com)





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Thank you!

