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Dear ██████████

## **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

With regard to your requests for information received by the Department on 27 April 2026 which sought the following information

**Access to information relating to the registration, accreditation, and reporting of UK packaging waste reprocessors and exporters for the 2026 compliance year in N Ireland.**

This request relates to organisations listed on the public register of accredited and registered reprocessors and exporters of packaging waste, link below. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/epr-for-packaging-list-of-registered-and-accredited-reprocessors-and-exporters>

### **1. Reprocessors – materials and recycling capability**

For all registered and/or accredited reprocessors of plastic packaging waste, I request:

- **The materials for which each reprocessor is registered and/or accredited (including plastic sub-types where specified)**

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- Details of the recycling or recovery processes declared in their application (including descriptions of how plastic waste is processed)
- Any sampling and inspection plans (SIPs), or equivalent documentation, describing:
  - input material specifications
  - contamination thresholds
  - outputs and end products
- Any information submitted on:
  - processing capacity
  - efficiency rates
  - or recovery yields

## 2. Reprocessors – reporting data

For the 2026 reporting period (or latest available):

- Tonnage of plastic packaging waste received
- Tonnage of plastic packaging waste actually recycled
- Details of suppliers of packaging waste (where recorded)

## 3. Exporters – destination facilities

For all registered and/or accredited exporters of plastic packaging waste, I request:

- The names and locations (including country, name and location of destination factory) of all overseas reprocessing facilities declared in:
  - registration applications
  - accreditation applications
  - or evidence submissions
- Any supporting evidence submitted to demonstrate:
  - “broadly equivalent standards” (BES)
  - environmental or operational compliance of receiving facilities

## Annex VII / shipment-level data (if held)

- Copies of, or datasets derived from, Annex VII documentation or equivalent reporting relating to plastic packaging waste exports

## 1. Reprocessors – materials and recycling capability

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that the information relating to the materials for which each reprocessor is registered and/or accredited (including plastic sub-types where specified) is already publicly available. Plastic sub-types are not specified.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/epi-for-packaging-list-of-registered-and-accredited-reprocessors-and-exporters>

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that the information relating to details of the recycling or recovery processes declared in their application (including) is already publicly available.

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In relation to descriptions of how plastic waste is processed; any sampling and inspection plans (SIPs), or equivalent documentation, describing input material specifications, contamination thresholds, outputs and end products and any information submitted on processing capacity, efficiency rates or recovery yields the Department has decided not to disclose information you requested as it considers Regulation 12(5)(e) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information as **Annex A**.

## **2. Reprocessors – reporting data**

In relation to the 2026 reporting period (or latest available): tonnage of plastic packaging waste received; tonnage of plastic packaging waste actually recycled and details of suppliers of packaging waste (where recorded) the Department has decided not to disclose information you requested as it considers Regulation 12(5)(e) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information as **Annex A**.

## **3. Exporters – destination facilities**

In relation to all registered and/or accredited exporters of plastic packaging waste, the names and locations (including country, name and location of destination factory) of all overseas reprocessing facilities declared in registration applications, accreditation applications or evidence submissions and any supporting evidence submitted to demonstrate “broadly equivalent standards” (BES) or environmental or operational compliance of receiving facilities the Department has decided not to disclose information you requested as it considers Regulation 12(5)(e) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information as **Annex A**.

## **Annex VII / shipment-level data (if held)**

In relation to copies of, or datasets derived from, Annex VII documentation or equivalent reporting relating to plastic packaging waste exports the Department has decided not to disclose information you requested as it considers Regulation 12(5)(e) to be engaged. In these instances, the Department is legislatively required to consider the public interest in disclosure. An associated Public Interest Test has been conducted and is attached for your information as **Annex A**.

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department.

If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely

  
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