

The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) Regulations 2024

Regulatory Position Statement

September 2026

Title: Extended producer responsibility (EPR) for packaging producer data requirements

This regulatory position statement (RPS) does not change your legal requirement to:

1. Report 2024 nation and self-managed organisational waste data in accordance with the Packaging regulations, for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024 or 1 July to 31 December 2024 as appropriate to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency on or before 1 April 2025 or 1 December 2025 as appropriate.
2. Collect self-managed organisational waste data in accordance with regulation 38 and schedule 4 paragraph 13 the Packaging Regulations for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025, 2026, and 2027.
3. Collect nation data in accordance with regulation 38 and schedule 4 paragraph 11 the Packaging Regulations for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025, 2026, and 2027.
4. Report the data from point 2 to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, either on or before 1 October 2025 to 2027 or on or before 1 April 2026 to 2028 as appropriate.
5. Report the data from point 3 to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency on or before 1 April 2026 to 2028 as appropriate.

However, the Northern Ireland Environment Agency will not normally take enforcement action against you if you do not comply with these legal requirements provided that:

- * your activity meets the description set out in this RPS
- * you comply with the conditions set out in this RPS
- * your activity does not cause (and is not likely to cause) pollution of the environment or harm to human health

Activity this RPS applies to

This RPS applies to producer obligations to collect and report data relating to nation data and self-managed organisational waste.

If you are a member of a compliance scheme or group registration, the obligation to report your data falls to your scheme operator or holding company, as set out in the packaging regulations.

This RPS does not apply to any other data collection or reporting obligations under the packaging regulations.

Things to note

This RPS delays the introduction of self-managed organisational waste data collection until 1st January 2028 and reporting on or before 1 October 2028.

This RPS delays the introduction of nation data collection until 1st January 2028 and reporting on or before 1 April 2029.

This will reduce the regulatory burden of data collection and reporting obligations that have no bearing on producer disposal fees and recycling obligations for producers, compliance schemes, and holding companies.

Nation data and self-managed organisational waste data is for use in determining individual UK nation recycling targets. This data will be of limited value until data from other upcoming legislative reforms is reported.

When you must check back

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency will review this RPS by 31 December 2028.



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The Northern Ireland Environment Agency can withdraw or amend this regulatory position before the review date if it considers it necessary. This includes where the activity that this RPS relates to has not changed.

You will need to check back from time to time, including at and before the review date, to see if this RPS still applies.

This RPS remains in force until it is removed from the DAERA website or is otherwise identified as having been withdrawn.

Queries

If you have any questions about this RPS please email packaging@DAERA-ni.gov.uk



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