# Extended Producer Responsibility 2023

An update for the BPOA from the NFU

# What is Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging?

- The aim of EPR is to make producers fully responsible for the full net cost of managing the packaging they place on the UK market

- Incentivise a move to more sustainable packaging
  - Make packaging recycled and created from recycled materials
  - Fund the cost of collection and recycling

- Cost expected to be approx. £1.4 billion a year

- Consulted on in 2021 – approx. 200 pages of questions in the consultation document – not straightforward

# What are the new rules?

Under the new regulations you may need to:

- collect and submit data on the packaging you handle and supply
- pay a waste management fee
- buy packaging waste recycling notes (PRNs) or packaging waste export recycling notes (PERNs) to meet your recycling obligations
- submit information about where your packaging has been sold, hired, loaned, gifted or discarded – this is called 'nation data.
- What you need to do depends on whether you're classed as a 'small' or 'large' organisation.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/packaging-waste-prepare-for-extended-producer-responsibility

# Are you impacted?

You may be impacted if you:

- supply packaged goods to the UK market under your own brand
- package goods for another UK organisation
- use 'transit packaging' to protect goods during transport so they can be sold to UK consumers
- import products in packaging
- own an online marketplace
- hire or loan out reusable packaging
- sell empty packaging.

- [Check if you need to report packaging data | GOV.UK](Check if you need to report packaging data | GOV.UK)

# What data to collect?

There should be 4 parts to the data you collect about your packaging. These are:
- packaging activity – this is how you put the packaging on the market
- packaging material and weight
- packaging type – primary, secondary, shipment or transit
- waste type

Your data submission must include the weight of:
- Individual materials in the packaging you handle and supply
- materials used in your 'primary', 'secondary', 'shipment' and 'transit' packaging
- packaging likely to become household or non-household waste
- packaging likely to end up in street bins.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-collect-your-packaging-data-for-extended-producer-responsibility

# Timeframes

- 1st January 2023 – start collecting data

- 1st July – 1st October 2023 – submit data (for LARGE businesses)

- 1st Jan – 1st April 2024 – submit data (for SMALL businesses)


- First year – set fees from the government

- Second year – modulated fees – depending on type of material (lower if it's easier to recycle)

# Summary

- EPR comes into force 1st January 2023

- May impact those who supply packed goods to UK market, or package for another organisation

- May have to collect and submit data on the packaging supply

- Waste management fee (currently unknown)

- Buy PRNs or PERNs (if you're a large business)

- Depends whether you're a small or large organisation + other factors

- Potentially record nation data