



# Plastic Surgery: Changing the face of plastic packaging

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Deposit and Return Scheme

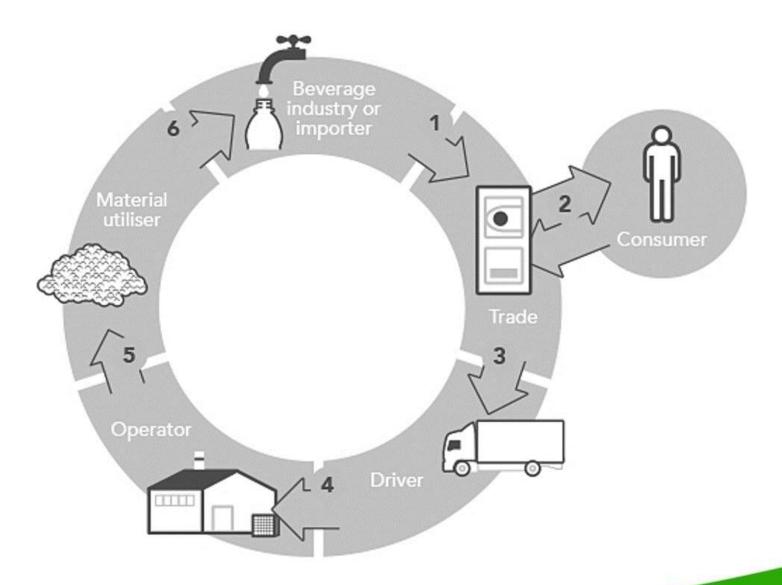
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#### **Advantages**

Reduction in litter (if deposit value is set high enough)

Additional recovery of plastics from litter and street bins.

Some minimal improvement in material quality over centralised sorting.

#### **Disadvantages**

<u>Consumer pays for DRS</u>. A portion of the consumer's deposit funds the scheme

- Leasing DRS machine
- Maintenance DRS machine
- Costs to store / manage DRS materials
- Costs to separately collect DRS materials from the retailer
- Costs of central administration to ensure correct accounting for deposits

Retailers to manage materials generated on site

Gain in materials quality only a tiny fraction of total cost of DRS

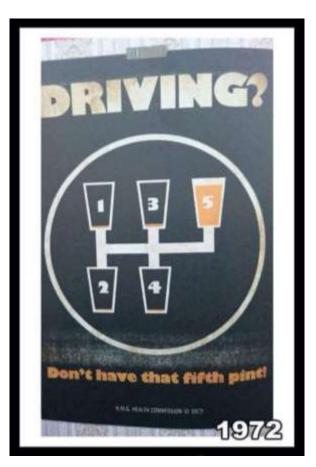






























Deposit Return Scheme is in place inside every home in Ireland









#### Composite packaging and material choice

- Reduce the number of materials in general use
- Eliminate non-recyclable packaging
- Eliminate use of composite packaging
- Simplify packaging for the consumer







#### Composite packaging and material choice

 Approximately 35,000 tonnes PET bottles in the domestic recycling bin

20,000 in household recycling bin 15,000 in street bins / household waste bins

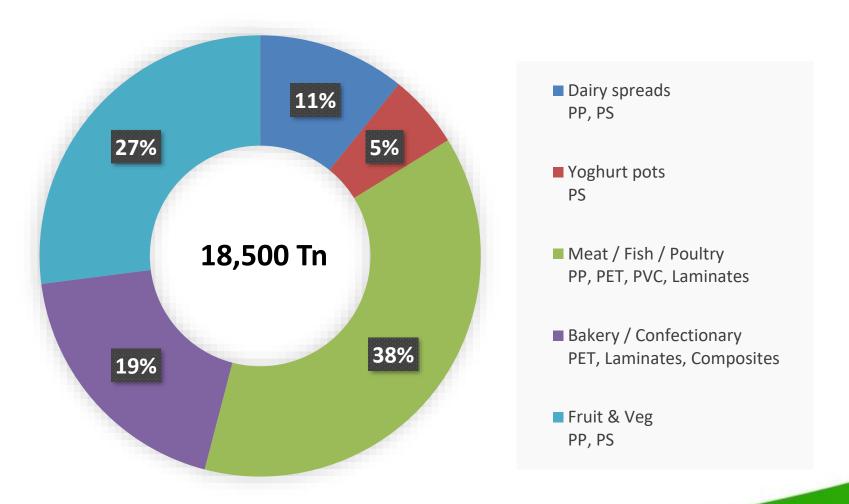
- PET Easy to recycle but limited capacity to do this in Ireland
- Through Taxation / subsidy increases manufacturers could be pushed into replacing composites / other plastics with PET alternatives







#### Composite packaging and material choice













































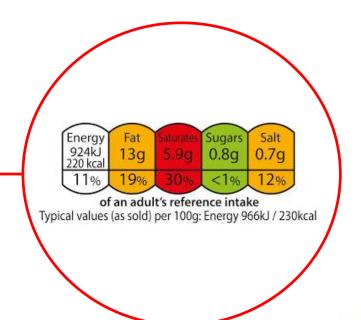




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## Guideline Daily Amounts (GDA labelling)























SLEEVE RECYCLING TRAY RECYCLING WASTE FOOD COMPOST 15%

RECYCLING SHOULD BE CLEAN, LOOSE & DRY











































# With a little plastic surgery we can change the face of our future

