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Deposit Return Scheme – What will it look like for Scotland?

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- 2) About Zero Waste Scotland
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- 4) Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme
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About Zero Waste Scotland

Zero Waste Scotland focus on where, as a society, we can have the greatest impact on climate change by using products and services to get the maximum life and value from the natural resources used to make them.

Using evidence and insight, our goal is to inform policy, and motivate individuals and businesses to embrace the environmental, economic, and social benefits of a circular economy.

We are a not-for-profit environmental organisation, funded by the Scottish Government and European Regional Development Fund.

Zero Waste Scotland – Our Role

Zero Waste Scotland is advising the Scottish Government on scheme design and is supporting government and industry on its implementation.

We have consulted, and continue to engage with, hundreds of organisations – from retailers and manufacturers to councils and community groups – and learned from countries that already operate a deposit return scheme.



Implementation Advisory Group

The membership of the Deposit Return Scheme Implementation Advisory Group includes:

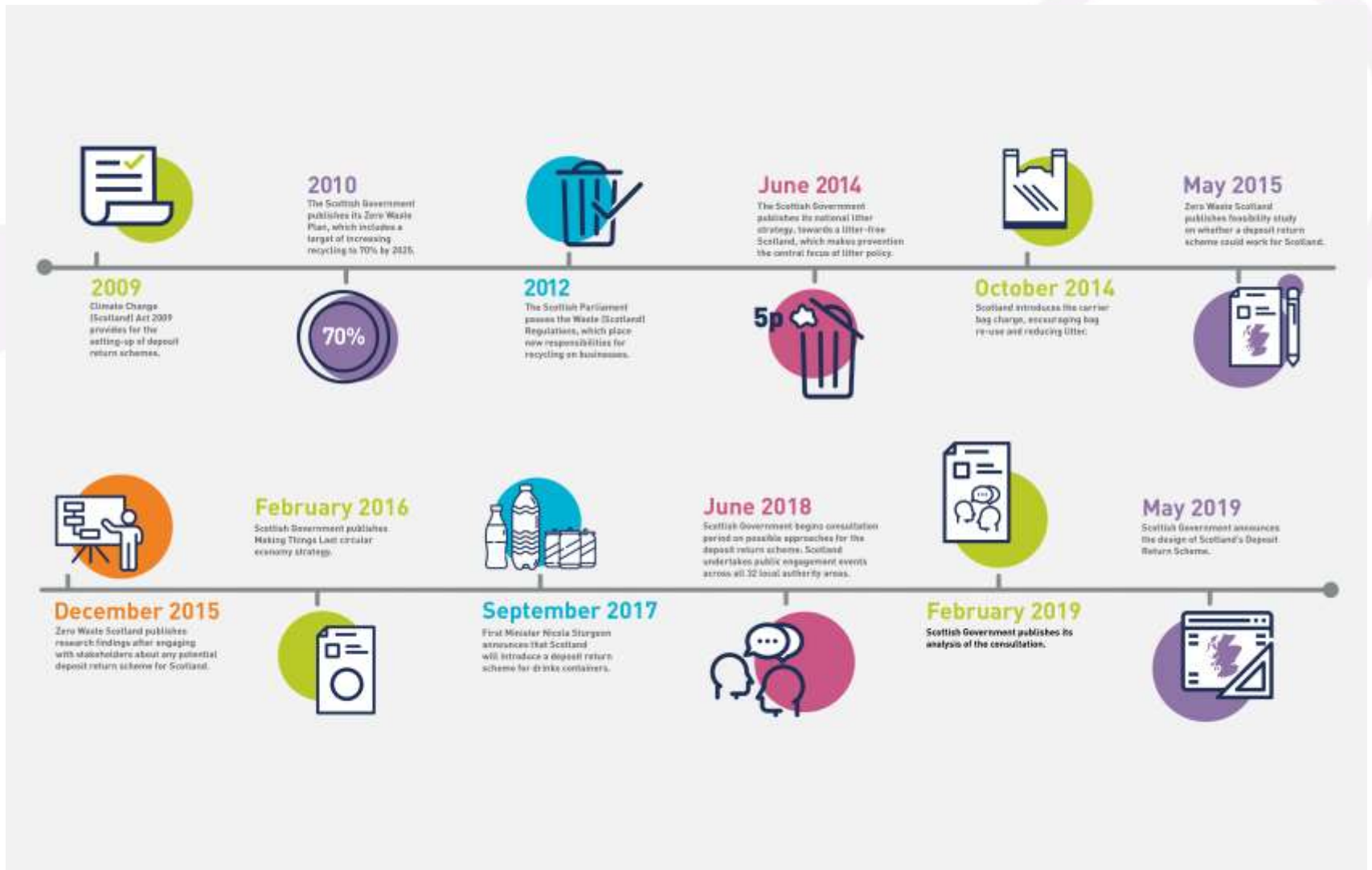


The Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) provides industry expertise and advice on practical issues related to the operation of the scheme and how it interacts with production, retail and hospitality industries.

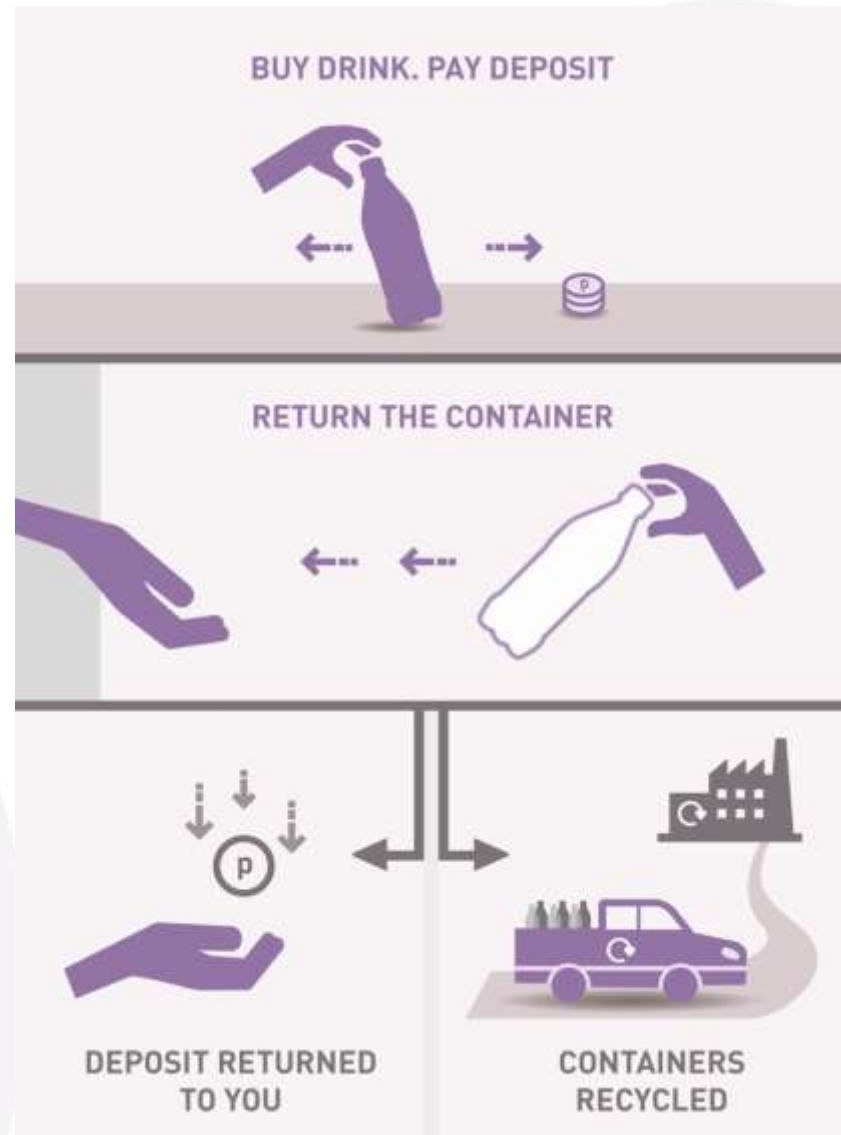
Scotland was the first UK nation to commit to the introduction of a deposit return scheme for drinks containers.



Timeline



What is a deposit return scheme?

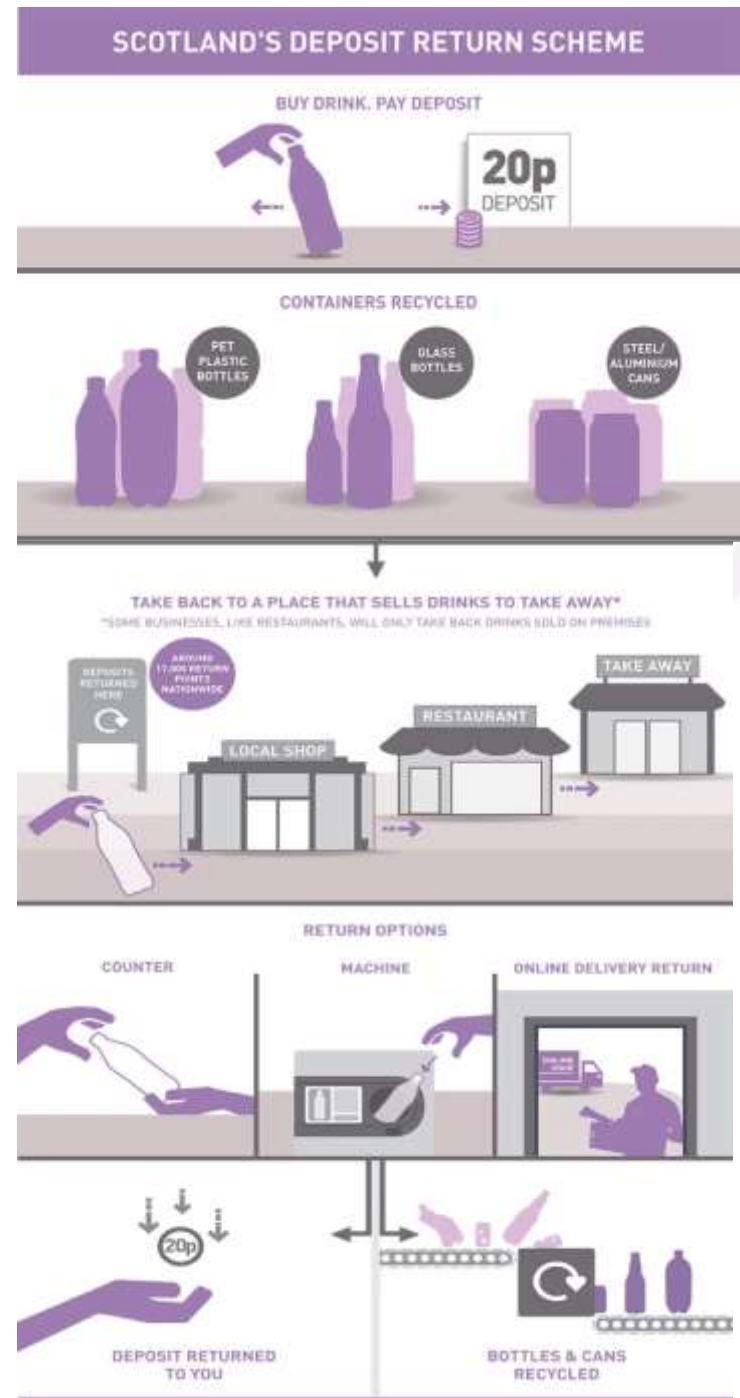


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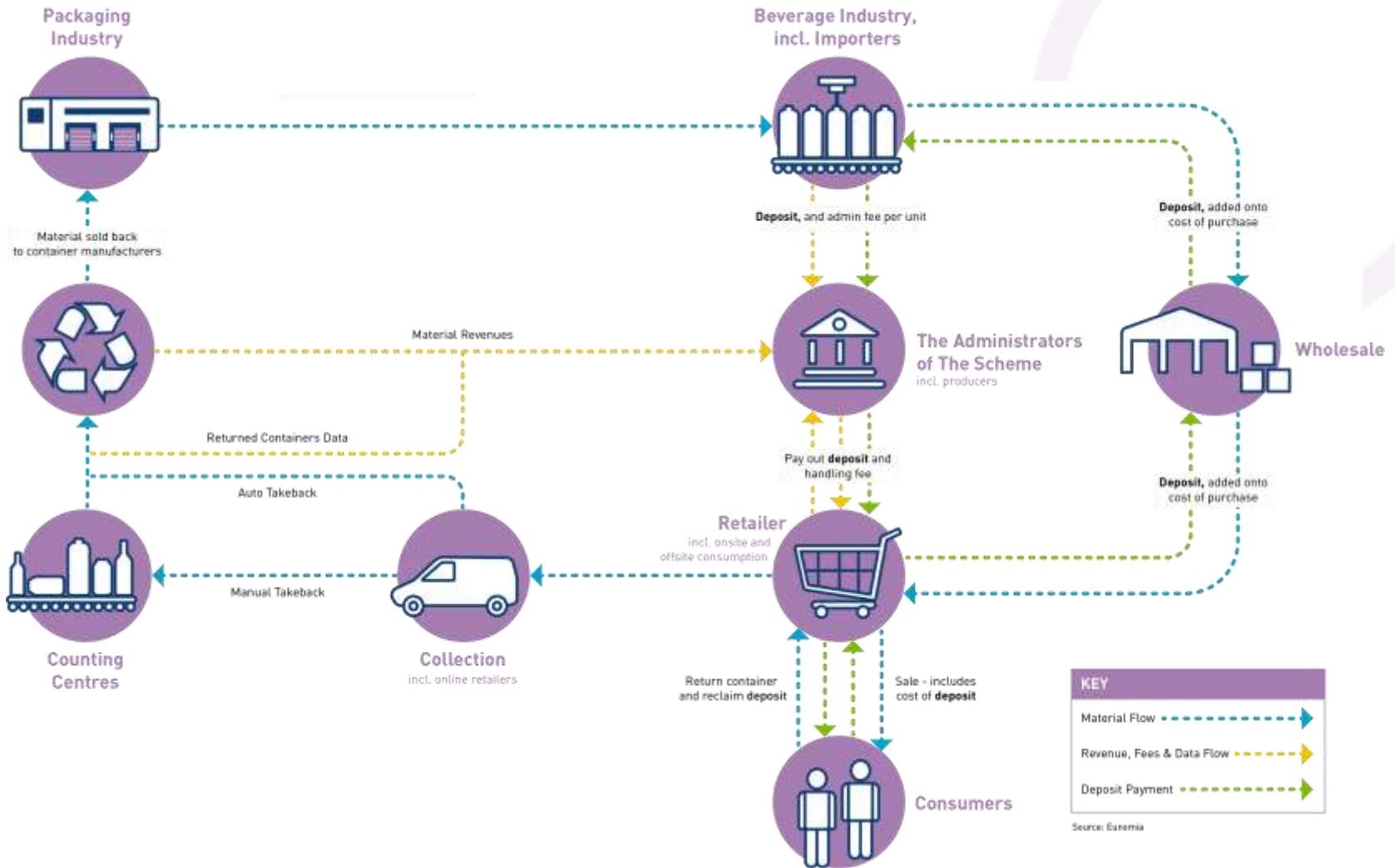


Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

Deposit return is a crucial part of the strategy planned by the Scottish Government to tackle climate change and the problems created by single-use items. It will help us all to change our throwaway culture.



Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme



Benefits

The Economy

**Social
benefits**

**Behaviour
Change**

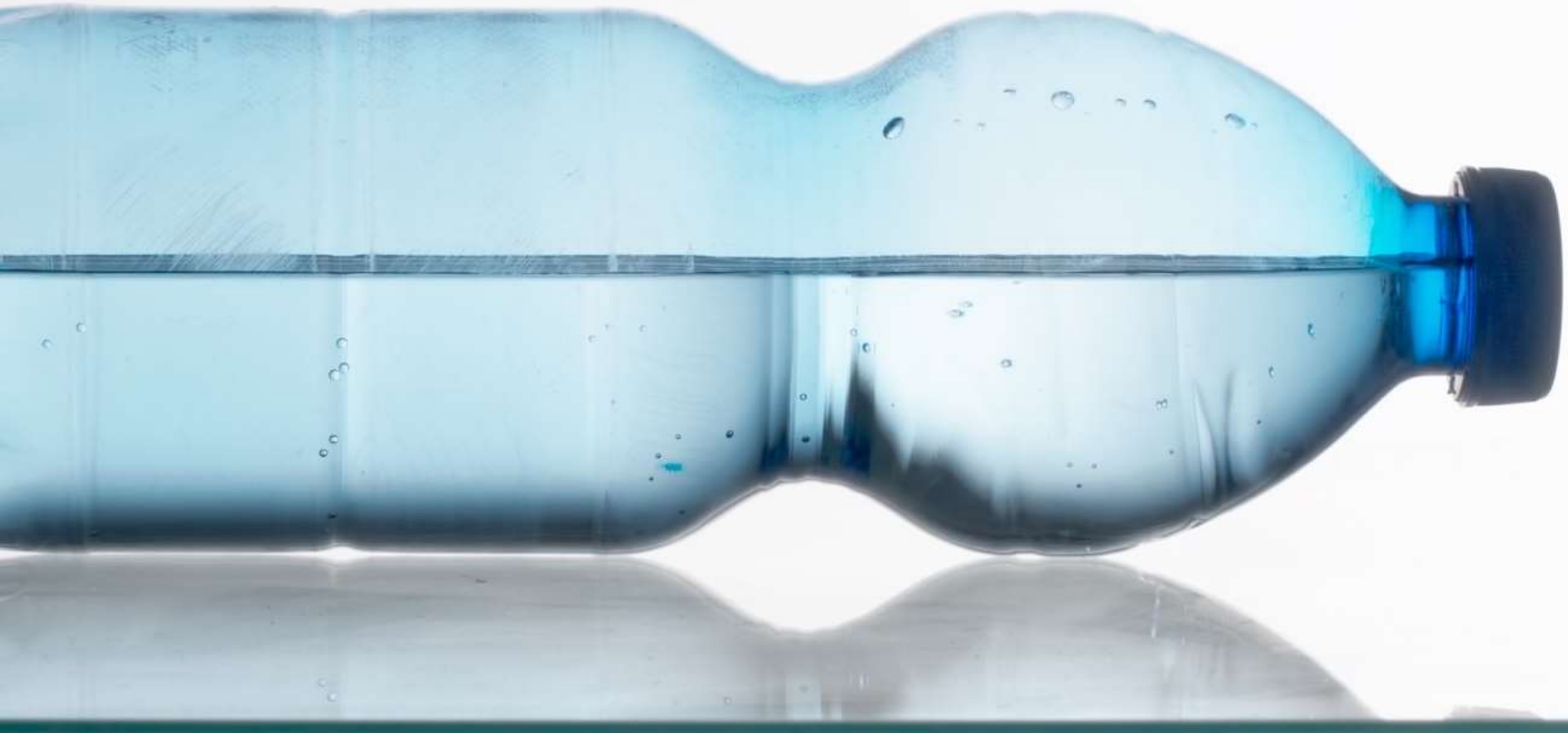
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**Litter
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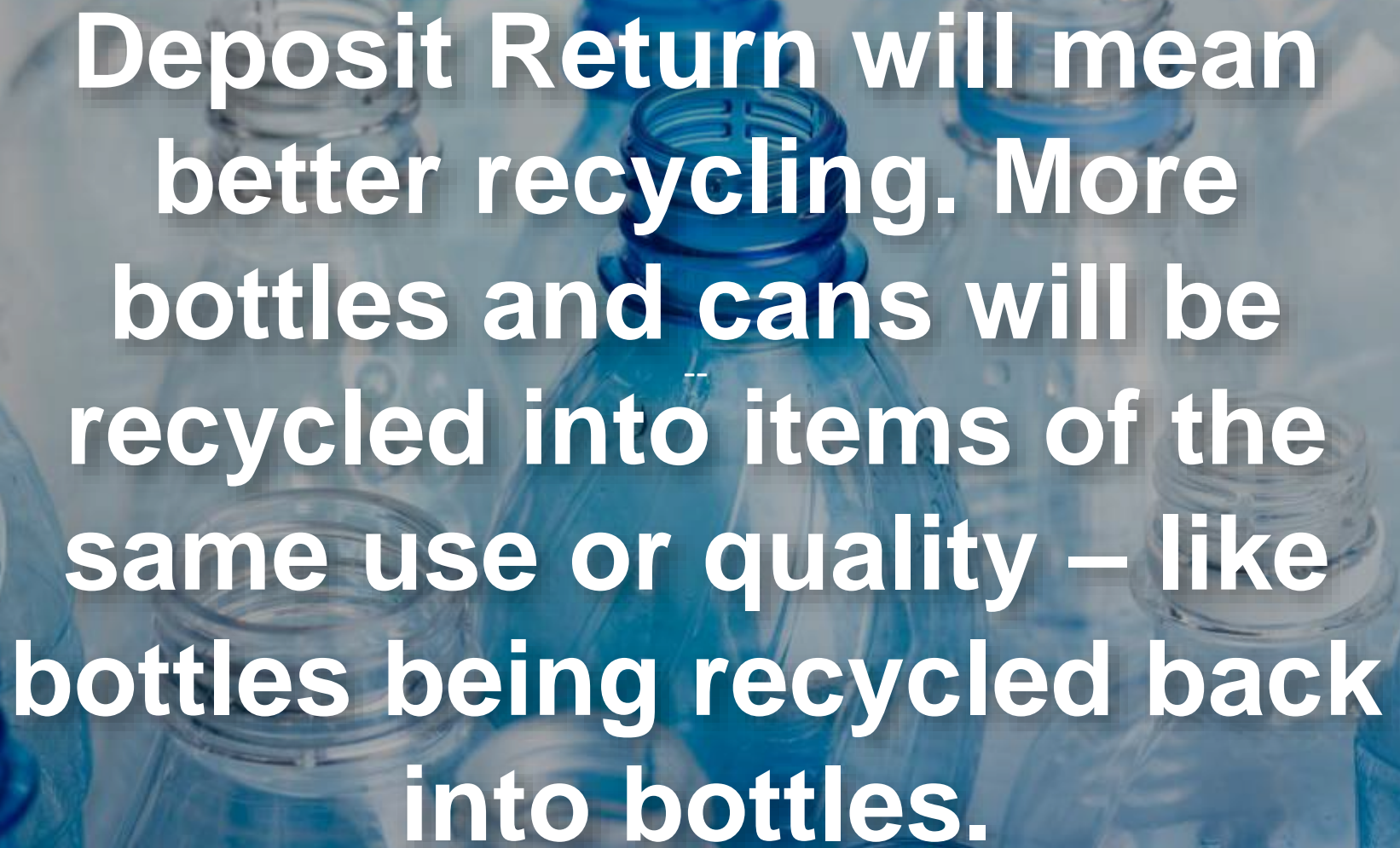
**Tackling
Climate
Change**

**Currently, Scotland recycles just
over half of drinks containers**




Scotland's deposit return scheme aims to capture at least 90% of target containers for recycling.





Deposit Return will mean better recycling. More bottles and cans will be recycled into items of the same use or quality – like bottles being recycled back into bottles.

A white car is parked on the right side of a paved road. The background is a blurred green landscape with trees and a bright sky, suggesting a sunny day. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**That's an average of
around 160,000 tonnes
of CO₂eq each year, the
equivalent of taking
85,500 cars off the road**

**Scotland's Deposit
Return Scheme is
expected to reduce
the impacts of litter
in Scotland by
an estimated
£61 million
a year**



A large crowd of people, primarily young women, is gathered for a climate protest. They are holding numerous handmade signs with various messages. The signs include: 'LOCK TIGHTENING', 'WE'RE GASSED OR SOME', 'THIS PLANET NEEDS TO GIVE A SHIT', 'THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING WHY AREN'T WE?', 'MORE THAN 80% OF NATURAL DISASTERS ARE CORRELATED', 'SEA LEVELS ARE SO ARE', 'OUR EARTH MATTERS', 'EARTH NEEDS YOU TO GIVE A SHIT', 'GO HOT', 'WHAT I ST', 'GOVERNMENT IS DYING', 'SHE PROTECT', 'SHE ALIVE', 'SO WHY DON'T WE MOVE HER', 'GETT', 'TOASTY', 'WUOS OUT', and 'GO WHY DON'T WE MOVE HER'. The background is a textured wall.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Retailers and return points

- Retailers must accept all eligible drinks containers and refund deposits to consumers. They must keep the containers for collection by the scheme administrator.
- Retailers will receive a handling fee on a per container basis, making their obligation in the scheme cost neutral. This payment will compensate things such as shop space and staff time.
- Retailers can choose either to install an RVM machine on their premises, or alternatively to accept returns manually.
- Premises where in-scope containers are sold solely by vending machine do not need to provide a return point for containers

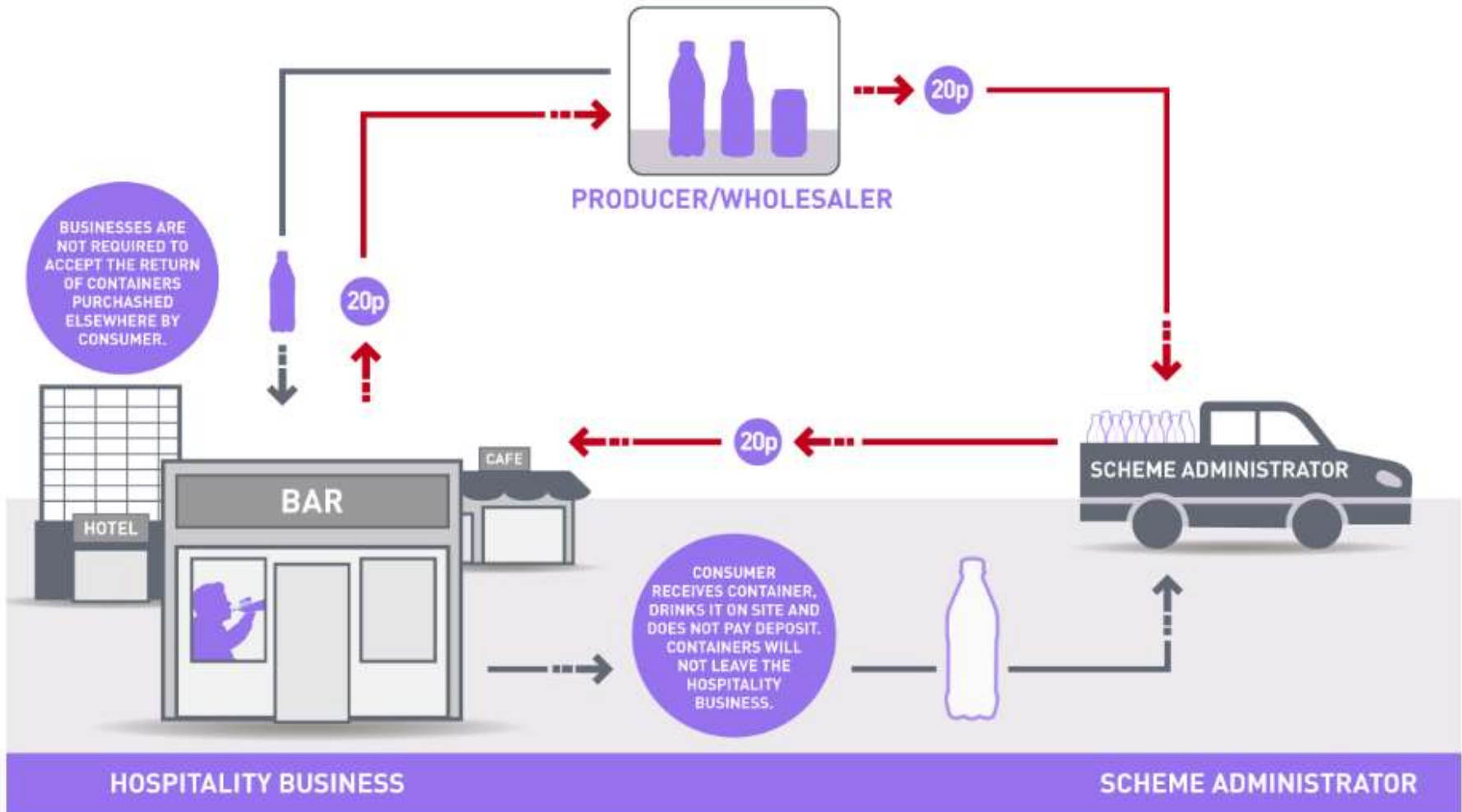
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- The deposit must be included in the product price of in-scope containers.
- Retailers will have to display the deposit separately to the price of the drink on their in-store price points.
- Businesses that sell drinks to be opened and consumed on-site, will not have to charge the deposit to the consumers and will only have to return the containers they sell on their own premises.
- Organisations will have the opportunity to act as a return point within their communities (even if they don't sell drinks)

On-site Consumption



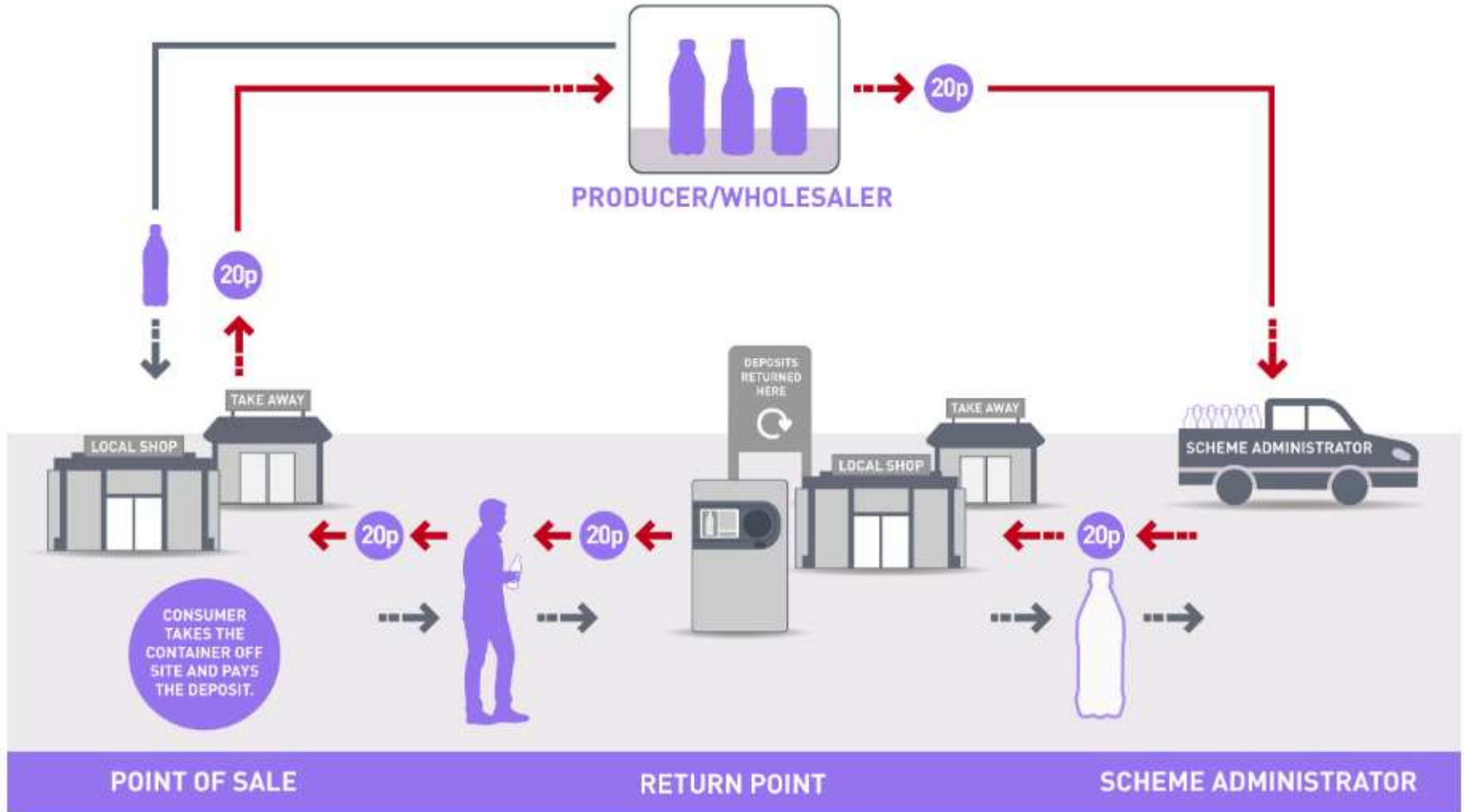
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Off-site Consumption



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Timeline for Implementation

- Draft Regulations were introduced to Scottish Parliament on 10 September 2019, under the Climate Change Act. Under parliamentary procedure, the draft regulations will be required to sit for comment for 90 days.
- Following a pause for any required revisions, the final regulations will then be laid for 54 days, at the end of which there will be a final vote by MSPs.
- **Once the legislation process is complete, organisations will have a minimum of 12 months to get ready before the scheme becomes operational.**



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Q&A Session