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Public Consultation Summary

Circular Economy (Environmental Levy)
(Single-Use Cup) Regulations

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1 Introduction

The Minister of State for the Circular Economy, Ossian Smyth, T.D. is introducing an environmental levy on single-use disposable cups for hot beverages to incentivise people to choose to re-use and to help reduce single-use waste.

In order to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to make their views on this matter known, the Minister launched a public consultation process¹ on the draft regulations and sought views from all stakeholders. The consultation comprised three strands:

Public consultation

This strand of the consultation was targeted at members of the public and consumers of takeaway beverages. Submissions in relation to this Strand were received anonymously through an online survey.

Retailer consultation

This strand of the consultation was targeted at businesses or traders who will be required to implement the regulations. This includes cafes, retailers or other traders who sell takeaway drinks. Submissions in relation to this Strand were received anonymously through an online survey.

Other stakeholder engagement

This strand of the consultation was targeted at all other stakeholders. This includes any individual or entity not covered under Strands 1 or 2, businesses operating in the cup manufacturing, distribution or related industries, public sector bodies, NGO's, business and citizen representative bodies and all other interested parties. Submissions in relation to this Strand were received in writing by email or by post.

The consultation process ran for 6 weeks from 14th October to 25th November 2022.

The purpose of this paper is to provide summary details on the level of responses received. The Department will now consider all responses received and will publish a full consultation report on its website in due course, along with copies of all written submissions received. All personal data will be redacted prior to publishing.

¹ <https://www.gov.ie/en/consultation/7fb23-consultation-on-draft-regulations-to-introduce-an-environmental-levy-on-single-use-disposable-cups/>

2 Response Categories and Metrics

Engagement from members of the public and other stakeholders on this consultation was significant and a total of 2,371 submissions were received across all three strands.

We thank all respondents for their views and the time taken to prepare a submission.

Below is a summary of the responses by category and submission type.

Category	Medium	N° of entries
Strand I: Public Consultation	Online Survey	1314
Strand II: Retailer Consultation	Online Survey	430
Strand III: Stakeholder Engagement	E-mail	626
	Post	1
Total		2,371

For Strand III, written submissions were received from the following organisations and individuals:

Ref	Received From
1	Environmental Protection Agency
2	VOICE
3	Coast Watch
4	Ennis Chamber of Commerce
5	Chambers Ireland
6	Nudge
6	Lean Bean
8	Print Cup
9	Huhtamaki Cup Print
10	Seda International Packaging Group
11	H-Pack Packaging
12	The Printed Cup Company
13	ProAmpac
14	Foodservice Packaging Association
15	Dempson

Ref	Received From
16	Bonds Packaging
17	Regalzone
18	Celebration Packaging
19	Benders Paper Cups
20	Caterbar
21	Monkey Reusable Products
22	Subway Ireland (Teneo)
23	Insomnia Coffee Company
24	Bewleys Tea & Coffee
25	Food Drink Ireland, IBEC
26	AVA - Vending & Automated Retail Association (Received twice)
27	Selecta Vending
28	Freshcup
29	Coca Cola HBC
30	Reach-Delpac
31	RGDATA
32	Java Republic
33	Butlers Chocolate Cafes
34	Coffee Angel
35	Down 2 Earth Materials
36	El Gringo Burrito
37	McDonalds
38	Shabra Eco Cup
39	Butterfly Cup
40	Musgraves (Received twice)
41	ARBORETUM
42	Retail Excellence
43	European Vending & Coffee Service Association (EVA)
44	DWF Law - representing chain of quick service restaurants in Ireland
45	Esquires – The Organic Coffee Co
46	Cré (Composting & Anaerobic Digestion Association of Ireland)
47	Individual 1
48	Individual 2

Ref	Received From
49	Individual 3
50	Individual 4
51	Individual 5
52	Individual 6
53-627	575 individuals [Separate email from bounces.revolutionaries.ie on behalf of each individual]