


Update on the Deposit Returns Scheme and the Deposit Management Organisation

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The Government has confirmed that the Deposit Return Scheme will begin its phased implementation in 2027, with plans to have the scheme fully operational by the end of the year.

Management and operation

A newly formed organisation known as the UK Deposit Management Organisation (DMO) will be the operator of the DRS, following bids by organisations from January to April, as discussed in our previous edition of this newsletter. Scottish authorities have confirmed that the UK DMO will also act as the administrator for the scheme in Scotland.

Incorporated in February 2025, the DMO is a not-for-profit organisation made up of members nominated by trade associations representing a range of stakeholders within the food and drink industry, to include supermarkets, producers, and wholesalers.

Preparation and industry guidance

The DMO has confirmed that industry guidance will be provided over the coming months before the implementation of the scheme as they develop an organisational blueprint.

We will keep you updated with the development of this scheme and provide updates as and when any guidance is made available.

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