

Response from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

The SI transposes all of the 2020 CEP legislative amendments that should be transposed in 2020. There are some CEP measures which fall outside of the Transition Period that we are not planning to, nor are required to, introduce into domestic legislation. However, in line with our Resources and Waste Strategy (RWS) commitment, the transposing SI contains a requirement to include in waste management plans for England measures to be taken to achieve our 65% municipal recycling rate and landfill no more than 10% of municipal waste by 2035 and we will continue to develop our domestic policies in line with the Strategy to meet these targets by 2035. We have not implemented the interim targets as they fall outside the Transition Period. However, we have set out the measures to increase recycling in the National Waste Management Plan (NWMP) and the RWS and are taking these forward through the Environment Bill.

We are being guided by the deadline set out in the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD) (which is 31 December 2024 for new schemes) on the basis that we do not consider our existing packaging producer responsibility scheme to meet the requirements of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). We have committed to consult on the other current regimes.

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