

Ireland's New

Deposit Return Scheme

Update
Monday, 16 January 2023



Re-turn Progress to date



DRSI CLG (trading as Re-turn) approved as Deposit Return Scheme Operator. Appointment announcement to trade associations & trade media.

Re-turn Board engagement with Deposit Return Scheme task force, trade representative associations.

Email campaign to all representative associations & trade media inviting key stakeholders to subscribe for news / register for events

Webinars / workshops for Producers & Retailers.

Active engagement / 1 to 1 meetings with key stakeholders and interested parties.

Announcement of Deposit Value and launch of Registration portal by Minister Ossian Smyth.

National B2B media coverage.

Ireland's new Deposit
Return Scheme
Ireland will soon be introducing a Deposit Return
Scheme. In February 2024, when you buy a drink in a
plastic bottle, aluminium or steel can that features the
Re-turn logo, you pay a small deposit in addition to the
price of the drink. When you return your empty,
undamaged container to any retail outlet, you get
your deposit back in full.

Producer Registration

Retailer Registration

Go live of Registration portal for Producers & Retailers to register with Re-turn.

Registration CTA reminders together with offer for explanatory meetings.

September /
October

November

December 2022

July 2022

August

Retailer Handling Fees

All Retailers who operate return points and take back Deposit Return Scheme 'in scope' containers from consumers, will be paid the following Handling Fees:

Manual Collection

€0.026 per container*

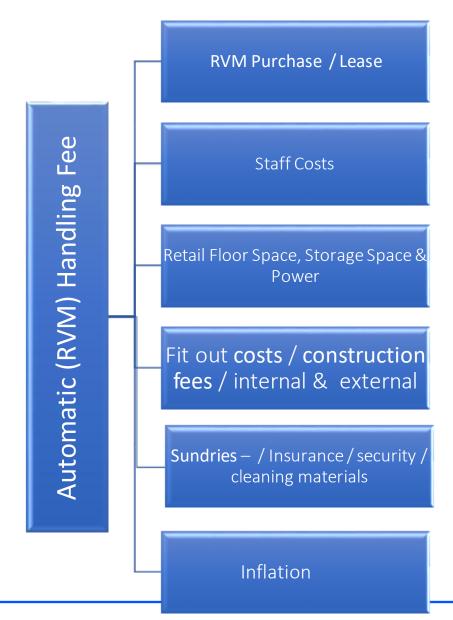
Automatic Collection (RVM)

€0.022 per container*

*Price is per unit regardless of material



Retailer Handling Fee Costs







Calculation Methodology

The cost model aims to approximate fees incurred by small, medium and large Retailers in ROI.

These handling fees have been developed on a ground up basis with additional input/guidance from the following sources:

- Stakeholder engagement industry representative bodies
- Research Eunomia, Reloop, OLH Reports, best practice in European DRS Schemes
- Accepted 3rd party indices Floor space, fit out internal / external and construction costs.

All calculations and methodology of Handling Fees were verified by independent financial consultants, Mazars.



Additional Financial Supports

In addition to the Handling Fee of €0.022, financial support will be available for retailers opting for RVMs, subject to meeting specified criteria.

Financial Support



Criteria for meeting Financial Support

- •Proof of annual sales of 450,000 'in scope' containers
- •Proof of annual returns less than 360,000 'in scope' containers.



Re-turn Retailer Handling Fees

Benchmarked against European Deposit Return Schemes

Country	Manual		RVM	
	PET	Aluminium	PET	Aluminium
Ireland	€0.026	€0.026	€0.022	€0.022
Estonia	€0.0123	€0.0123	€0.0354	€0.0354
Finland	€0.0197	€0.0197	€0.0290	€0.0235
Latvia	€0.0203	€0.0203	€0.0223	€0.0223
Lithuania	€0.0197	€0.0162	€0.0223	€0.0163
Malta	€0.01	€0.01	€0.008 - €0.01**	€0.008 - €0.01**
Norway	€0.0047	€0.0094	€0.023	€0.019
Sweden	€0.018	€0.00	€0.025 - €0.046	€0.016 - €0.017
Scotland	€0.031	€0.031	€0.018 - €0.041*	€0.018 - €0.041*

^{*}Variable based on quantities. Fee drops after first 8,000 per week.



^{**}Variable based on quantities. Fee drops after 400,000 per annum.

Retailer Exemptions

Any Retailer operating from a premises of <u>150 sqm</u> and under, may apply for an exemption from providing a take back service.

- All Retailers MUST register with the Deposit Return Scheme, Re-turn.
- Retailers with premises of 150 sqm and under, may apply for a take back exemption and must provide relevant evidence of store size.
- Store size is defined as: All retail facing areas including entrance area, aisles, shelf space, counter, behind counter and till space.
- Retailers applying for a take back exemption must clearly nominate a return point in close proximity, that provides a take back service. This can be a larger retailer or a dedicated return point.
- Retailers with an exemption must clearly display the location of the closest return point, to all their customers.



Retailer Exemptions

The following exemption sectors are currently being considered and will be confirmed in March 2023:

- 'On the go' food retailers
- Off Licences
- Hospitality Sector
 - Hotels
 - Restaurants
 - Pubs
- Retail Parks & Vending Machine Operators

Following consultation with the relevant representative bodies, Re-turn will inform the sectors of exemption outcomes.





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Thank you!

