



Environment
Agency

Packaging - Regulatory Landscape

UK Regulators

- ➔ Environment Agency (EA)
- ➔ Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- ➔ Natural Resources Wales (NRW)
- ➔ Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)

Regulators role

“Effective and well targeted regulation is essential in promoting fairness and protection from harm”.

Regulators' Compliance Code

UK Numbers 2013

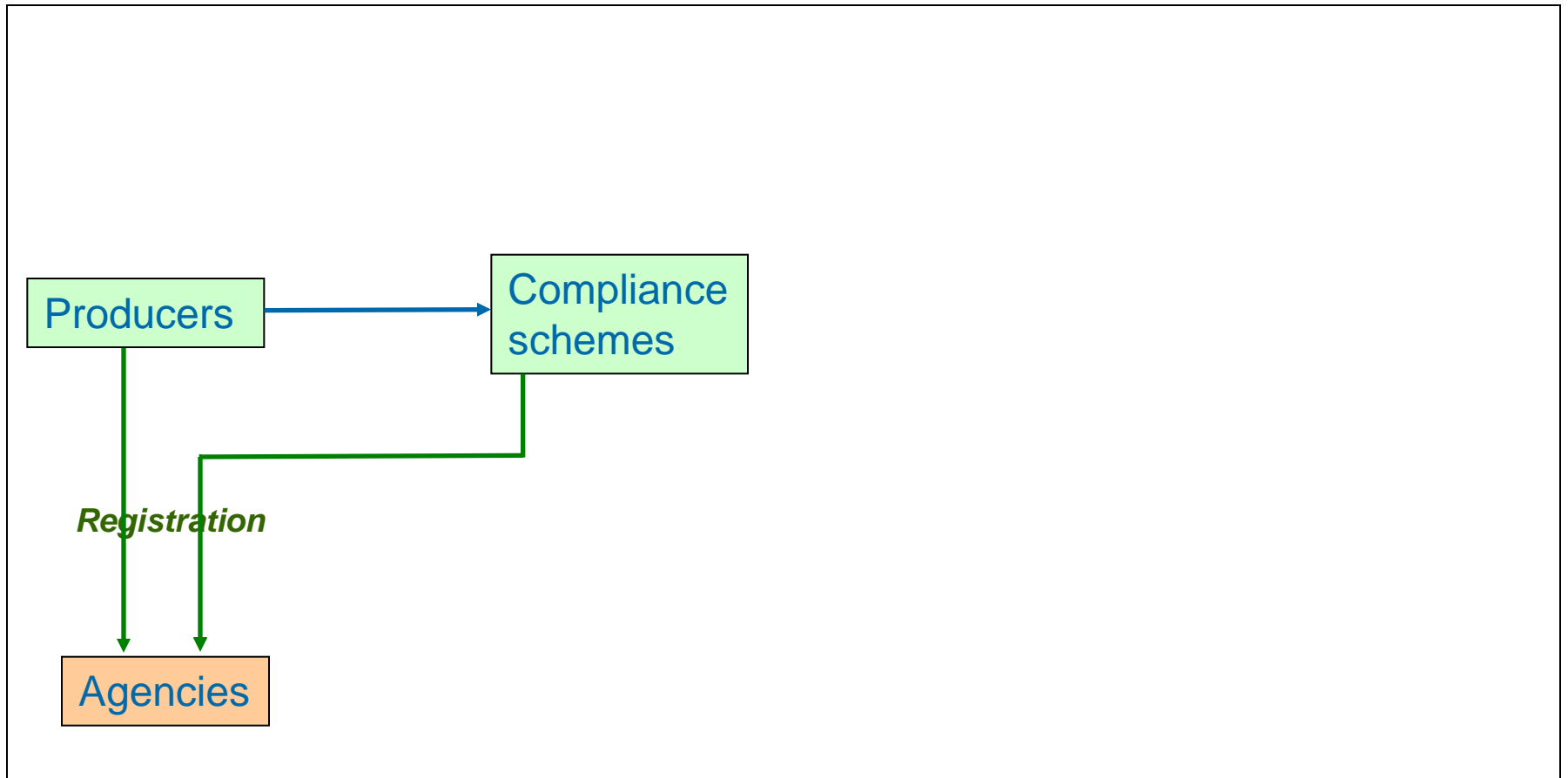
➔ UK packaging handled	= 9,141,884
➔ Producers	= 6906
➔ Compliance schemes	= 46
➔ Reprocessors	= 166
➔ Exporters	= 175
➔ Recovery	= 6,942,654

Regulators activities

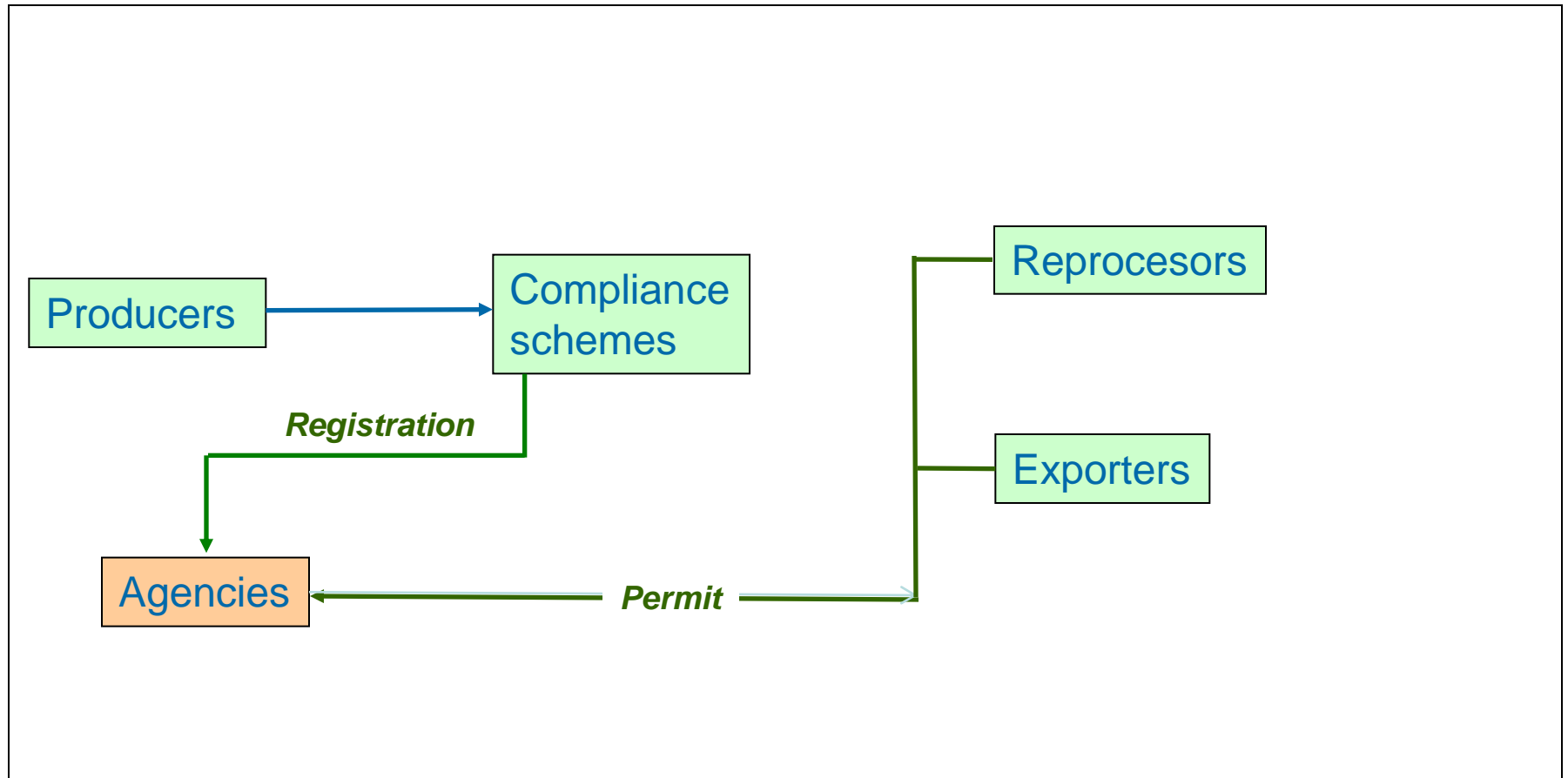
➔ Key elements:

- ➔ Registration
- ➔ Accurate data
- ➔ Recovery & recycling

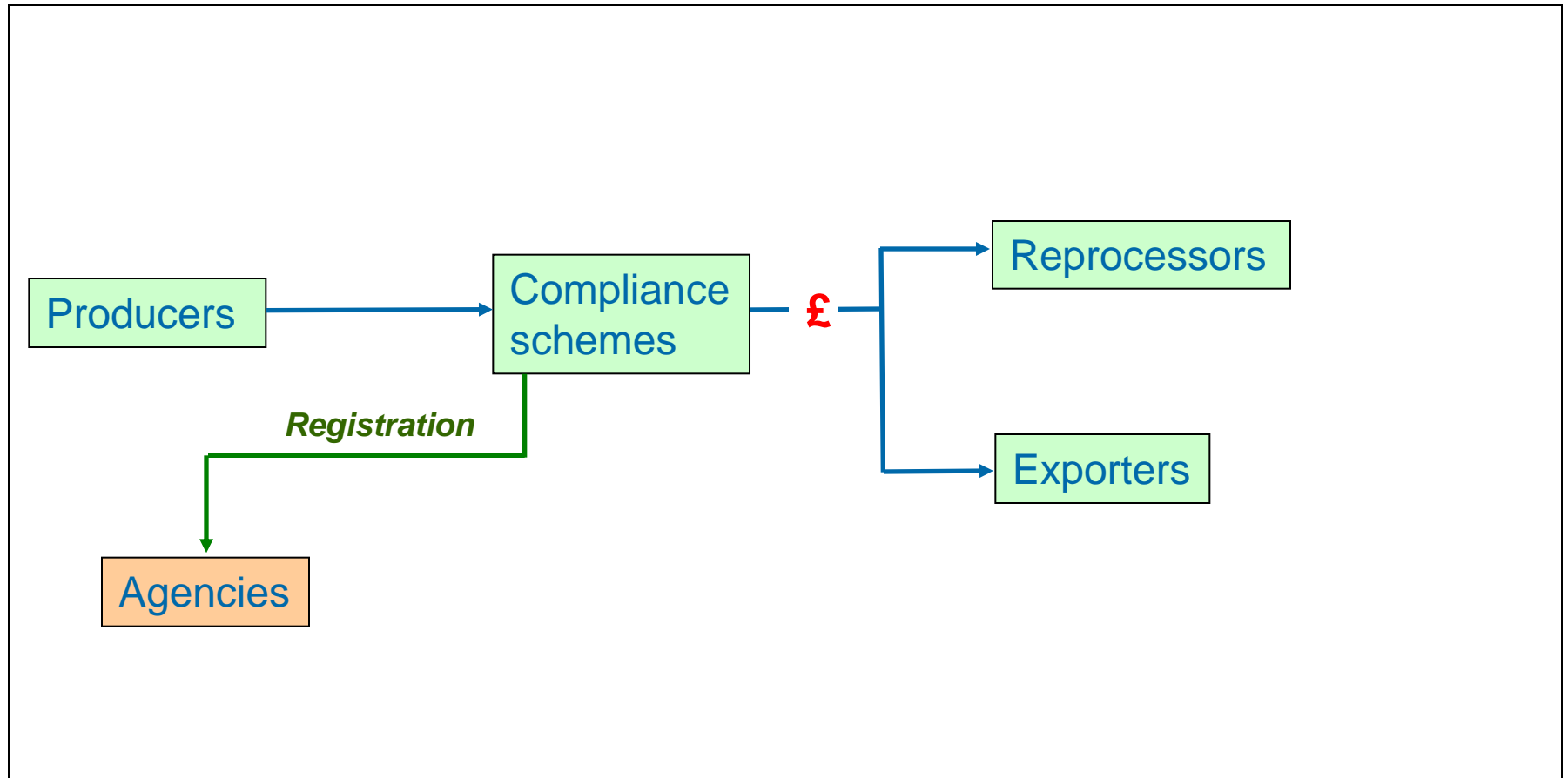
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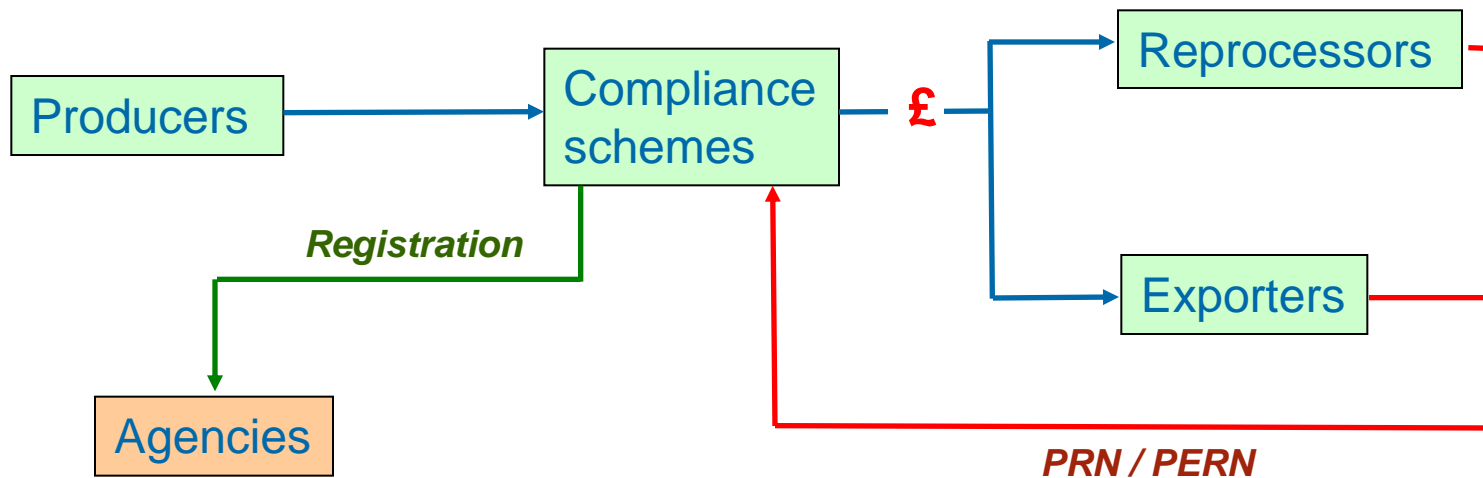
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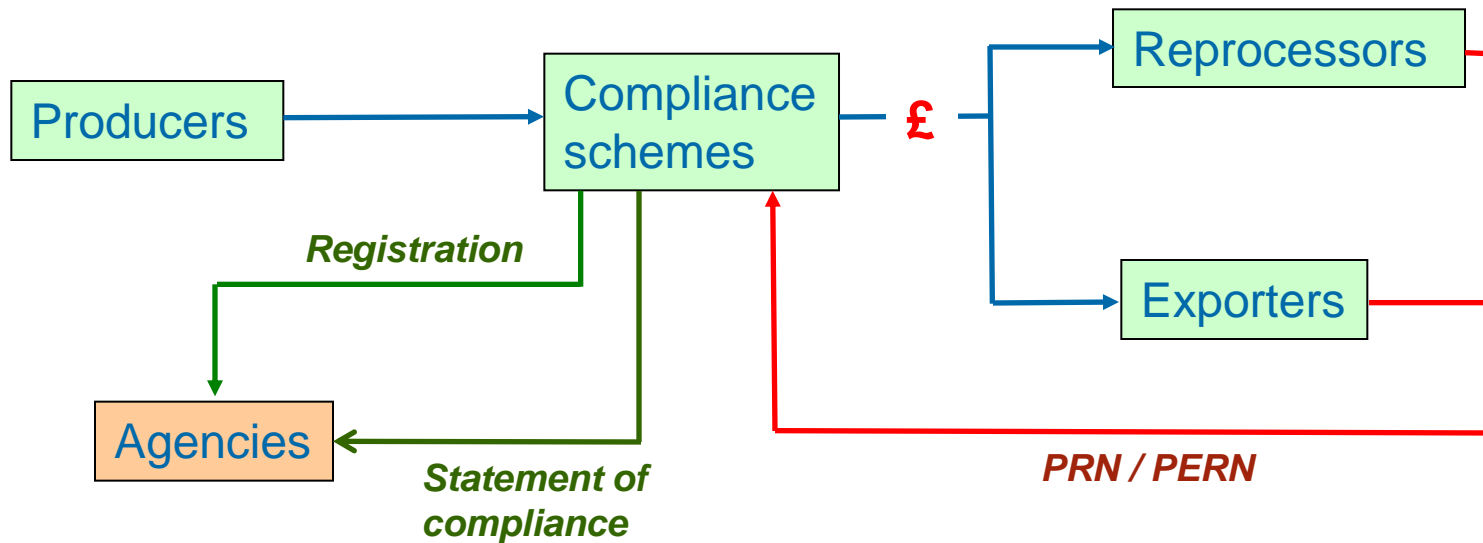
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Registrations

- ➔ Direct registrations
- ➔ Scheme members
- ➔ Free riders

Accurate data

- ➔ Data to be reported 'as accurate as reasonably as possible'
- ➔ Agency inspections of:
 - ➔ Schemes
 - ➔ Producers
- ➔ Data errors = data re-submissions
 - ➔ Data increase & decreases

Recovery & recycling

➔ 3 key components

- ➔ Permitting to issue PRN/PERNs
- ➔ Inspections of permitted sites
- ➔ Producers / Schemes submitting correct PRNs / PERNs

Permitting operators

- ➔ Permit additional to waste permit
- ➔ Allows operator to issue PRN/PERNs
- ➔ Must be undertaking recovery operation
- ➔ Must be UK packaging waste
- ➔ PRNs/PERNs must equal waste recovered

Inspections of operators

➔ Checking:

- ➔ sources of packaging waste
- ➔ the recovery operation
- ➔ evidence issued does not exceed inputs
- ➔ application of protocols

Submission of evidence

- ➔ 31st January – for previous year
- ➔ Producer obligation is to recover/recycle specified amount of UK packaging waste
- ➔ Demonstrated through submission of PRNs and PERNs

What happens when it goes wrong?

➔ Fairness

- ➔ All those that should contribute to the system do so
 - Free riders – registering
 - Producers providing accurate data
 - Producer obtaining evidence (£££)

➔ Protection from harm

- ➔ Recovery better than disposal

Sanctions

➔ Advice & guidance

➔ Warning letters

➔ Formal cautions

➔ Civil sanctions

➔ Prosecutions

Thank you

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