

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PACKAGING

Background

The Advisory Committee on Packaging (ACP) is designed to bring together industry expertise with a specific interest in packaging and packaging waste to advise and make recommendations to government to assist with their policy development on packaging reuse, recovery and recycling. Members represent various parts of the packaging chain, including businesses which have legal obligations under the Producer Responsibility Obligations as well as others who are involved in the management of packaging waste – local authorities, compliance schemes, waste management companies, reprocessors and exporters.

Terms of Reference

To support the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Department of the Environment Northern Ireland, the Scottish Government and the Welsh Government (the Devolved Administrations) in those matters relating to packaging falling within their respective responsibilities. In doing so, the Committee will have regard to the different policy priorities across the UK, the possibilities to maximise the economic, environmental and social benefits of the reuse, recycling and recovery of packaging waste and any applicable EU requirements.

Membership

A new Advisory Committee on Packaging (ACP) has now been appointed with the following membership:

Chairman

- Phil Conran - 360 Environmental

Members:

- Rick Hindley – Alupro (trade body)
- Rebecca Cocking – British Glass (trade body)
- Adrian Hawkes – Valpak (compliance scheme)
- Simon Stringer – NiPak/ScotPak (compliance scheme)
- Garvin Freeman – Tata (reprocessor)
- Johnathan Short – Plastic Eco (reprocessor / exporter)
- Andrew Bird – Newcastle-under-Lyme (local authority)
- Roger Walton – Dover (local authority)
- Martin Cooper – SITA (waste management)
- Andrew Speck – HAVI GS (retailer)
- Vacancy – Packer/Filler
- Vacancy – Retailer

The new ACP held its first meeting on Wednesday 28th January 2015 and agreed to set up three Task Forces:

Task Force 1 (Andrew Bird Chair) – Consider how the Packaging Regulations could assist in the UK meeting the 2020 household waste recycling targets.

Task Force 2 (Adrian Hawkes Chair) – Consider opportunities to make PRN revenue flows more transparent.

Task Force 3 – (Phil Conran Chair) – Consider packaging related opportunities to complete the circle as part of the debate on the revised Circular Economy Package.

The ACP also agreed with the Agencies to reinstate the Agency Industry Packaging Liaison Group. This will consider technical issues that affect the running of the Regulations and will invite

membership from Compliance Schemes, reprocessors and exporters. The first issue that has been identified as a key priority is the interpretation of contamination to ensure a common understanding between the Agencies, exporters and reprocessors.

Transparency

It is intended that Agendas, Minutes and reports should all be published. A page is therefore being set up on NPWD specifically for this which should be live in the coming weeks.