

Repak calls for removal of maximum fee on self-compliance registration

Repak has welcomed the revisions to the 2003 Packaging Regulations that were announced by Minister Dick Riche today as 'significant progress' but states it has not gone far enough.

The revisions increase the cost of registration for companies who take the self-compliance route to meeting their packaging recycling responsibilities but Repak believes that 'self-compliers' should not have the luxury of a fee ceiling on their obligations.

According to Repak, the operation of a maximum fee for self-compliance clearly sets certain Repak members at a disadvantage as they pay for all the packaging they place on the market, whereas a fee ceiling of just €15,000 per premises is being applied to self-compliers.

Repak and its members have consistently met 100% of Ireland's packaging recovery/recycling targets, despite the fact that Repak members are responsible for only between 60-65% of all packaging placed on the market. This means that Repak members are carrying the can for "free riders" and "self-compliers" who do not take responsibility for ensuring that Ireland meets its EU recycling targets.

Andrew Hetherington, CEO Repak said "This is a very positive first step towards a fuller and more comprehensive review promised by minister Roche. Repak members continue to carry Ireland's targets with free riders and self-compliers only seeking to opt out of their corporate social responsibility and not play their part in helping Ireland continue to meet its EU packaging recycling targets."

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