

## Advisory Committee on Packaging (ACP)

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### ACP Launches new Guide to the PRN System

The Government appointed Advisory Committee on Packaging has developed the first publically available comprehensive explanatory guide to the operation of the UK PRN system for packaging waste recycling which has been launched today.

The guide is available on the ACP pages of the National Packaging Waste Database at:

<http://npwd.environment-agency.gov.uk/Public/GenericContent.aspx?CategoryId=595F40C2-76C4-49E3-8FC8-396CCDB77A9E>

This new guide is designed to provide comprehensive information for all interested parties on how the system operates and what it is designed to achieve. It also includes information on the UK recycling performance together with analysis of the reported use of PRN funds by reprocessors.

Chairman of the ACP, Phil Conran said:

“I would first of all like to thank the Task Force who have all put a huge amount of time into this. The guide provides a wealth of information which I hope will be useful to a wide range of stakeholders from individual companies and trade associations to recycling companies and local authorities. It is part of our efforts to improve transparency of the system and be more open about the funding and performance achieved. One of the most important sections contains a number of case studies illustrating how PRN funds have been positively used by reprocessors and exporters to increase collection and recycling.”

Adrian Hawkes, Chairman of the Task Force added:

“We hope to amend and improve the guide over time so would be open to any constructive suggestions for improvements”.

Resources Minister Rory Stewart said:

“Making the most of our resources is vital to our environment and our economy and this guide is an important step in improving understanding and transparency of the PRN system for all involved.”

Notes for editors:

1. The Advisory Committee on Packaging (ACP) is appointed by the Government 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.

2. The ACP is chaired by Phil Conran of 360 Environmental. Its members are:

Rick Hindley – Alupro (trade body)

Rebecca Cocking – British Glass (trade body)

Simon Weston - CPI (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 (independent consultant)

Gordon Henman – Kingfisher (retail)

Alison Bramfitt – Nestlé (packer filler)

3. The PRN (Packaging Waste Recovery Note) system is the mechanism used in the UK to meet the requirements of the European packaging Directive and the UK Producer Responsibility Regulations for Packaging.

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