





#### <u>National Policy Workshop Webinar Series</u> <u>On</u> <u>Countermeasures for Riverine and Marine Plastic Litter in India</u> <u>12 -22 May 2020</u>

Session 3: Activities and Best practices to counter plastics litter by sustainable waste management and circularity

**Evolving EPR Framework in Plastics Management** 



# **Extended Producer Responsibility Evolution**

EPR is an **environmental protection strategy** to reach an environmental objective of a decreased total environmental impact from a product, by **making the manufacturer of the product responsible for the entire life-cycle of the product** and especially for the take-back, recycling and final disposal of the product. The Extended Producer Responsibility is **implemented through administrative, economic and informative instruments.** The composition of these instruments determines the precise form of the Extended Producer Responsibility.



# **Global Best Practices**



The initiative "Pfiat di Sackerl" (Goodbye plastic bag) mandates retail sector to charge for plastic bags.

https://ec.europa.eu/environment/eir/pdf/report\_at\_en.pdf



Landfill Tax is EUR 100/Tonne, landfill fee is EUR 50/Tonne and gate fee of the incineration is around EUR 100/Tonne to promote recycling.

<u>http://www.plastic-zero.com/media/62436/annex\_d20b -</u> <u>action 1.3 -</u> <u>review on plastic waste in the municipal waste stream -</u> belgium final.pdf

France Powered by Bing © GeoNames CITEO has differentiated fees for plastic packaging lower for sortable/recyclable household waste (208.00 EUR/tonne) and higher for non-sortable/recyclable waste (228.00 EUR/tonne)

https://ieep.eu/uploads/articles/attachments/9665f5ea-4f6d-43d4-8193-454e1ce8ddfe/EPR%20and%20plastics%20report%20IEEP%2019%20

Dec%202017%20final%20rev.pdf?v=63680919827



Companies have to participate in a dual system such as Der Grüne Punkt (Green Dot) and have to register with the Central Packaging Registry (ZSVR).

https://www.gruener-punkt.de/en.html



The producers are obliged to pay depending on the type of packaging put onto the market that is used to pay the Municipalities for managing waste.

http://www.conai.org/en/about-us/conai-system/



Svenska Retursystem is reusable distribution packaging system its boxes are used for half of all fresh food deliveries.

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<u>454e1ce8ddfe/EPR%20and%20plastics%20report%20IEE</u> <u>P%2019%20Dec%202017%20final%20rev.pdf?v=6368091</u> <u>9827</u>



Tradable Packaging Waste Recovery Note (PRN) system.

https://app.croneri.co.uk/feature-articles/packagingrecovery-how-it-works-and-why-it-needs-improving



Mandated Rates of Recycling by Item and mandatory submission of Recycling Plan by PRO and Producer to K-eco.

https://www.keco.or.kr/en/core/operation\_extended/ contentsid/1980/index.do

## **Global Best Practices**



The Container and Packaging Recycling Act mandates sorted disposal by consumers, separate collection by municipalities and recycling of the waste by the manufacturers.

#### https://www.eu-

japan.eu/sites/default/files/publications/docs/waste\_man agement\_recycling\_japan.pdf



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EPR - Driven by Producers

• Producers individually responsible for operating a collection program

• Producers may discharge duties through a third party – PRO

Stewardship - Driven by Government

- Producers can individually or be part of a collective program
- Addresses full life cycle of a product

https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climatechange/services/managing-reducingwaste/overview-extended-producerresponsibility.html

# Way forward and lessons for India

- Set up a central packaging registry to track packaging used, waste generated, collected, recycled and landfilled (MoEFCC).
- Implement polluters pay principle by (visibly) including cost of transportation and processing of packaged waste in product prices (MoEFCC and Ministry of Finance)
- Promote business models of MRFs and recycling units based on location specific studies specifying types of plastics available and demand of processed products as raw material (MoHUA and MoEFCC)
- Promote design changes in packaging. e.g. Alternative materials to plastics, shift from polymers to monomers (MoEFCC, DST for research)
- Promote market potential of recycled products (eg. Bottle to Bottle Recycling) by including standards for products in the National EPR Framework (MoEFCC)
- Strengthen value chain of plastics with special focus on strengthening role of the informal sector in collection and operation of MRFs (MoHUA, ULBs, PRIs)



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