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Plastics Legislation Update

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Legislation

Single Use Plastics (SUP):

- Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment, commonly referred to as the **'Single Use Plastics' Directive**

Extended producer Responsibility (EPR):

- S.I. No. 612/2022 - European Union (Extended Producer Responsibility) (Fishing Gear Containing Plastic) Regulations 2022

Context

Competent Authorities:

DECC

EPA – responsible for reporting and monitoring.

Data Collection:

First reporting period: **2022**

Gear Taxonomy – definitions and conversion factors.

Quality Report

Collect data on all fishing & aquaculture gear containing plastic that is:

- Placed on the Market (PoM)
- Taken off the Market (ToM)

A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy

Ireland's National Waste Policy
2020-2025

Trestles (oysters)

- Bags
- Fastening hooks
- Bands
- Tubes
- Jongs/cable ties
- Baskets



END OF
LIFE GEAR

WASTE

MARINE
LITTER

ABANDONED
GEAR

LOST
GEAR

GHOST
GEAR

RETIRED
GEAR

Where does Data come from?



End of life gear

- Separating retired gear from other wastes will increase the opportunities for use of these materials in a circular economy
- Separating materials *e.g. Nets, Ropes, Bags* – even better prospects for recycling.

Waste Codes

Chapter 2 of the European List of Waste (LoW) Catalogue

Using a Waste Collector?
Don't Skip the Codes!



All plastic fishing or
aquaculture gear?
Code: 02 01 04



Mostly fishing gear
with some litter?
Code: 02 01 99



Mostly bulky Waste
with some fishing gear?
Code: 20 03 07

When using a waste collector, let them know what type of waste you are putting in the skip and **USE THE CORRECT CODE!**

Some of the relevant codes from Chapter 2 of the European List of Wastes (LoW) catalogue:

02 01 04 For plastic (only) components such as twine, barrels, netting, rope, and bags

02 01 10 For metal from aquaculture gear

02 01 99 Waste gear (Fishing or aquaculture) not specified or segregated (mixed plastic, metal, rubber gear components)

Weights recorded under accurate codes provide national data on waste gear coming off the market. Accurate information will allow the industry to identify the volumes of materials from retired aquaculture gear which in the future could be channelled towards the circular economy. The improved national data collection will improve how gear suppliers, users, ports, and industry associations work on the issue in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), Ireland's Seafood Development Agency.



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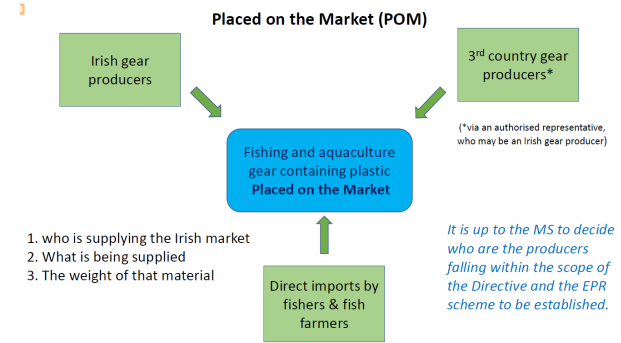


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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Scheme

- Scheme in place by 31st December 2024
- Placing gear on the market / directly importing gear for your own use - then you will need to register with the EPR scheme.
- Scope of the EPR scheme covers the sale of all new gear when first placed on the Irish market.
- Similar schemes will operate in all EU coastal countries.



EPR Costs

- The EPR is responsible for:



Cost	Packaging	Wet Wipes	Balloons	Tobacco Products	Fishing Gear
Operational costs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Awareness raising	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Litter clean up	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Reporting		✓	✓	✓	
Public waste collection	✓			✓	
Separate collection, transport & treatment					✓
Annual collection rate					✓

What it means for me?

Be Aware

Separate and Clean retired gear

Keep a record

Know the codes

Work with your CLAMS group and regional officer

Follow EPR developments

Thank You

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