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Dear Gillian,

A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland – Pre-laying process

As you will know, the Scottish Government has committed to the introduction of a deposit return scheme for drinks containers in Scotland, and was indeed the first nation in the UK to do so. I was pleased to be able to announce details of the design on 8 May this year, and indicated at the time that we intended to bring forward Regulations to enable the system this year.

I am writing to let you know that we intend to commence the Parliamentary process for these Regulations tomorrow, 10 September. The Regulations are subject to the requirements of s.97 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, which requires that a copy of the Instrument be laid before Parliament for a minimum of a ninety-day period to allow representations to be made to Ministers. Following discussion with the clerks to the Environment Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, we have set the pre-laying period to 91 days on this occasion.

Once this pre-laying period has concluded we will consider whether any amendments to the proposed Regulations need to be made and will bring forward a finalised version for scrutiny under the standard affirmative procedure.

I am copying this letter to the Convenor of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Yours,

Roseanna Cunningham

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