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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 January 2022 15:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Welcome and introduction to British Glass
Dear [REDACTED],

I wanted to reach out to thank you again for your time this morning and to provide a brief summary of our position on best practice for glass recycling.

- British Glass want to see at least 90% of glass collected for recycling by 2030. By 2030 80% of all glass recycled should be recycled for remelt (closed-loop recycling achieving a 580kg carbon saving per tonne recycled) rather than used for other purposes such as for aggregate (which achieves around a 4kg carbon saving per tonne recycled). Wales is already achieving just under a 90% collected for recycling rate for glass through consistent kerbside local authority recycling collections (our favoured approach is set out in the Welsh collections blueprint).
- Consistency – We want to see every local authority collecting all glass packaging from the kerbside. Ideally we would like to see glass separated from other materials at the kerbside such as in the Romaquip vehicle example. Glass could be collected with metal packaging without reduction in quality of the glass.
- We support the introduction of EPR for glass packaging to fund consistency, improved infrastructure and awareness and education campaigns
- We support a single collection point at the point of disposal of glass packaging as part of household collections (rather than 70% of glass collected through a DRS and 30% through kerbside collections). This approach would deliver an easy to understand single, glass collection system which would boost recycling figures by capturing all types of glass containers through a largely existing local authority collection infrastructure enhanced by EPR and consistency regulations. This would be more cost effective, increase the quality of recycled material, help create a truly circular economy and reduce the burden on consumers.
- At the point of collection glass should never be intentionally broken or compacted. Glass must be colour sorted later in the process at the reprocessor for it be remelted back into bottles and jars. Breakage of glass produces fines – material typically below 10mm cannot be colour sorted and this glass will only be suitable aggregate use.
- The current producer responsibility scheme – the packaging recovery note (PRN) system has been crucial for ensuring closed loop recycling of glass. Uniquely for glass the PRN system has a split target. In 2021 the PRN targets for glass were an 81% recycling target and 72% of all glass that was recycled must be recycled for remelt. As [REDACTED] explained, these obligated targets have been crucial in driving more glass to remelt year or year since the remelt target was introduced in 2013. The upcoming reforms must ensure a similar

obligated or incentivised remelt target that supports the end markets for remelt is maintained under EPR.

- The DRS collection target will not incentivise glass to be collected for remelt. Therefore, glass will be collected at the lowest cost, which will be breaking at the point of collection, immediately yielding fines that will be lost from remelt. The Valpak report suggests kerbside collections can yield up to 93% of glass collected for remelt compared to just 83% under a DRS.
- As set out in the Valpak report on DRS (briefing paper attached): recycling all glass packaging through improved, consistent kerbside collections (as outlined in DEFRA's current proposals for a well-designed scheme of EPR and consistency of collections) is the most effective and efficient recycling solution for glass, both in terms of environmental impacts and convenience for households.

Do let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Best wishes,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 January 2022 14:59

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Welcome and introduction to British Glass

[REDACTED],

Thanks for the welcome and offer of a meeting. I am copying [REDACTED] to help arrange this.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 January 2022 14:06

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Welcome and introduction to British Glass

Dear [REDACTED],

I am reaching out to welcome you to your new role at DEFRA leading on the collections and packaging reforms and to introduce British Glass.

By way of background, British Glass is the representative body for the UK glass industry, including the UK glass packaging manufacturers which contribute £1.3bn to the economy each year and provides more than 120,000 jobs across the supply chain. We are committed to improving recycling rates and reaching net zero by 2050, and have set an industry target to achieving a 90% glass collected for recycling rate by 2030.

As the representative body for one of the core packaging materials we would be delighted to meet you to discuss how we can achieve the best possible outcome for glass recycling in the UK.

Best wishes,

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