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RAM roadmap 2025-2030

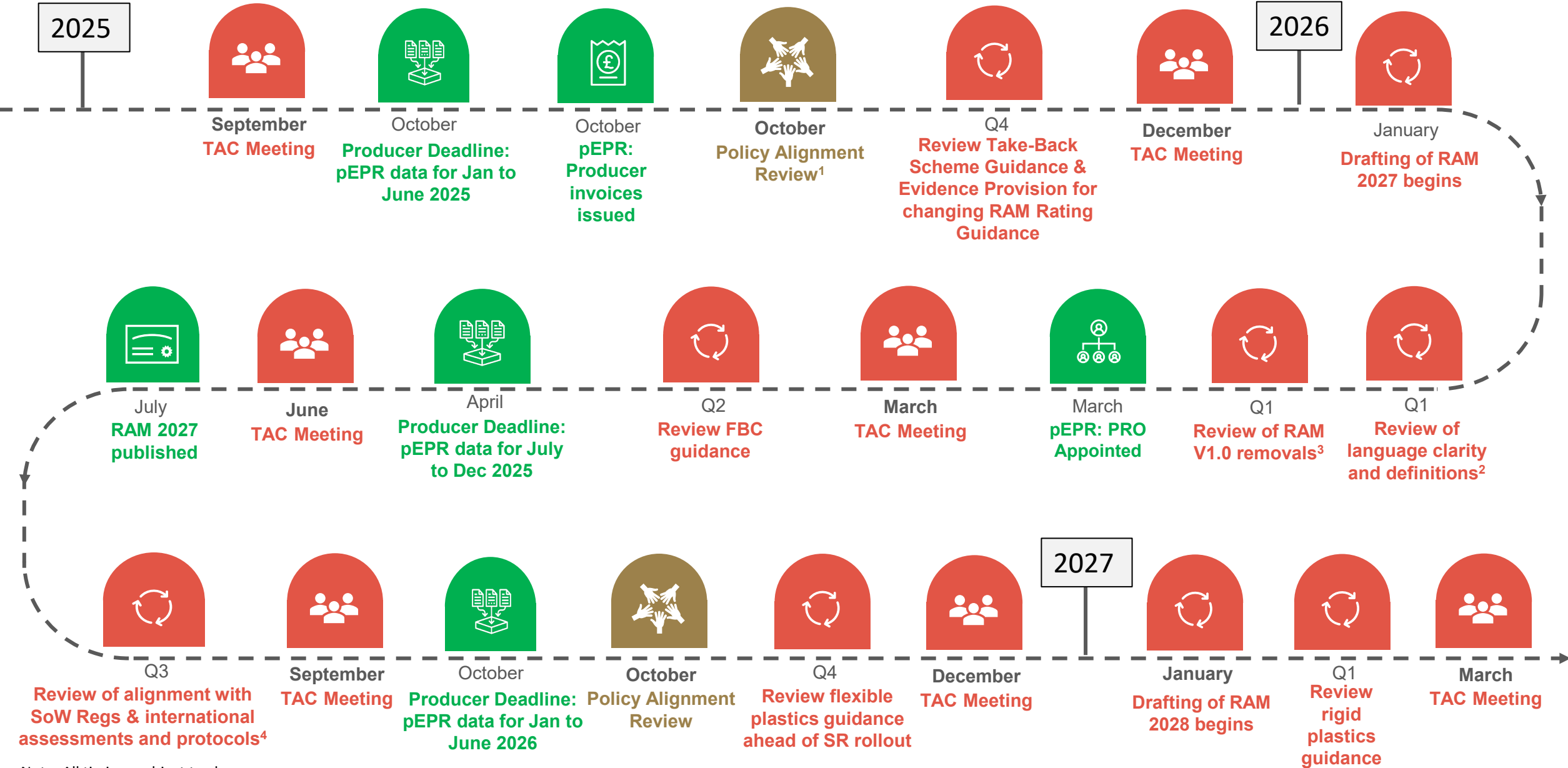
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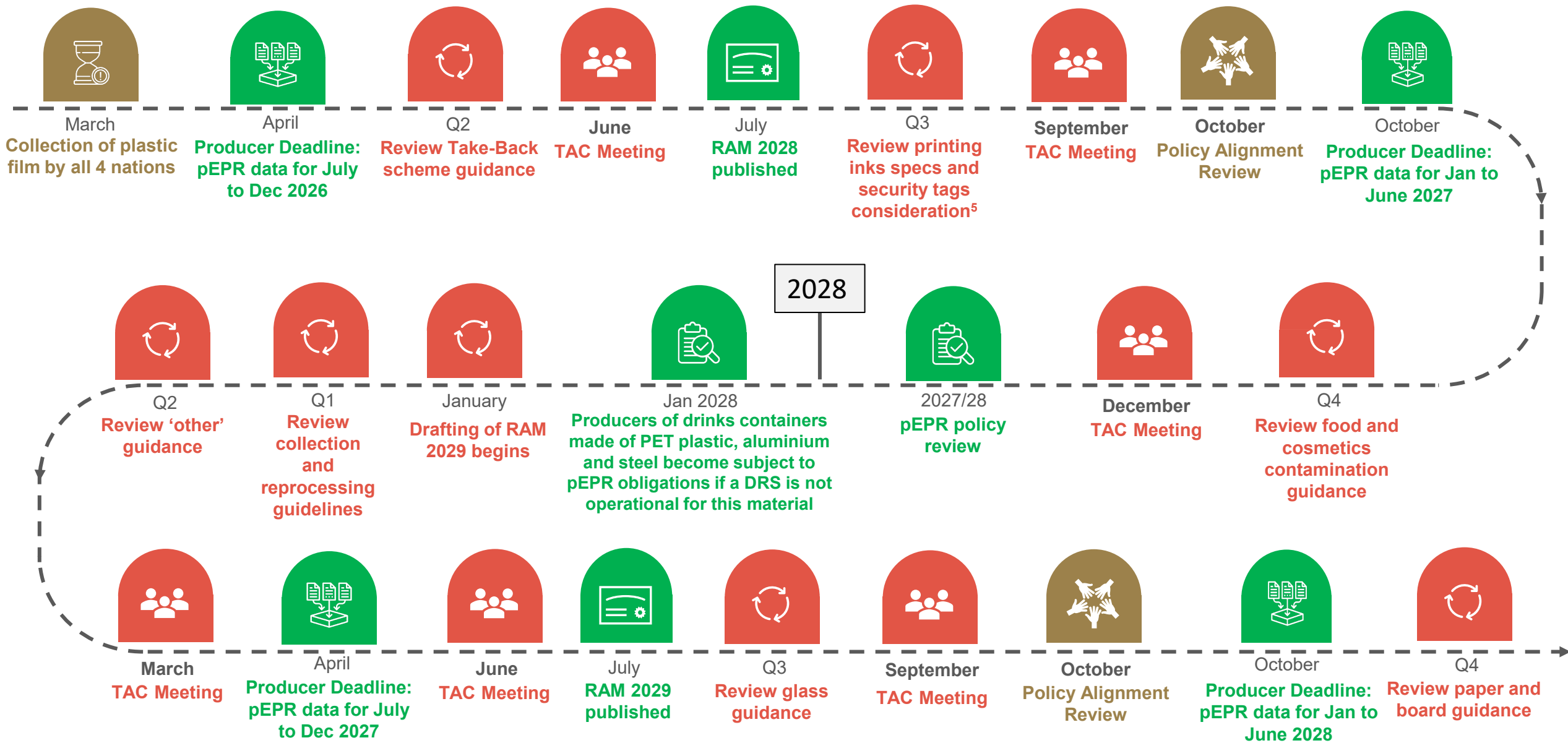
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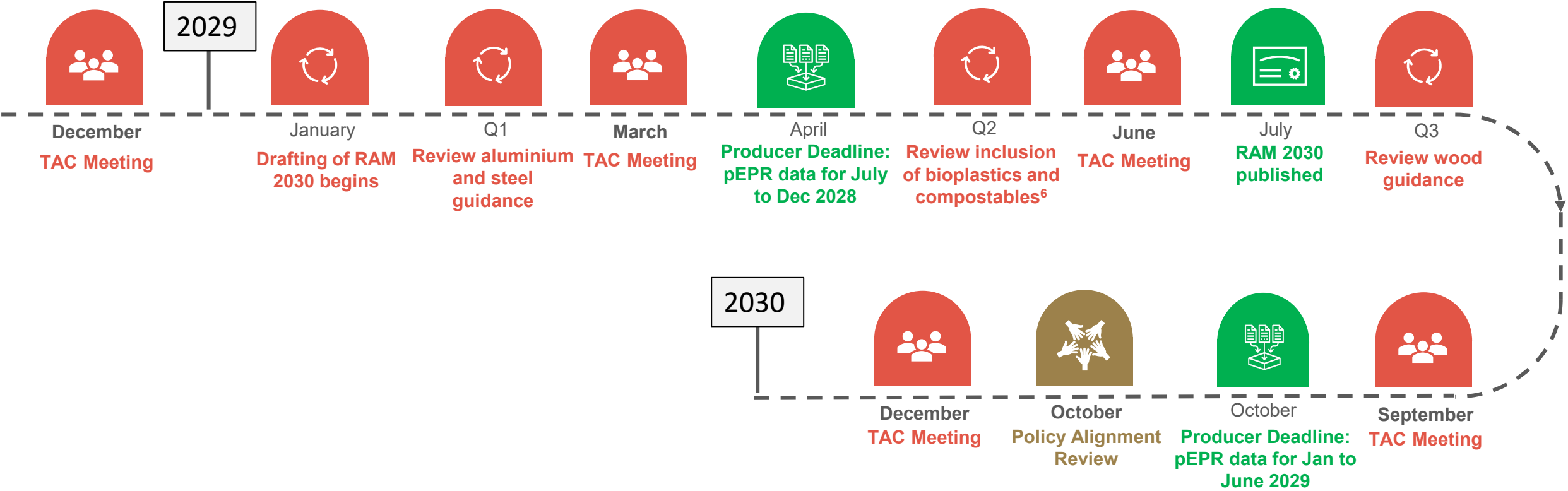
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RAM Roadmap Explanatory Note

1. **Policy Alignment Review** – Annual review of the RAM as it relates to the UK Four Nations' waste and resources strategies, ensuring it is aligned with what is happening at national level. Consideration of changes at international level
2. **Review of language clarity and definitions** – Refinement of specific language and definitions used in the RAM e.g., 'significant disruption in the recycling process', 'light' vs 'dark' plastics, etc., 'intentionally added'
3. **Review of RAM V1.0 removals** – Consideration of reintroducing elements of RAM V1.0 back into future iterations of RAM (e.g., Guidance on food contamination, PET+PE trays recyclability) and feedback from simplification sprint.
4. **Review of alignment with SoW Regs and international assessments and protocols** – Reviewing alignment between RAM and Separation of Waste Regulations 2024 (e.g., 40x40mm thresholds for glass and flexible plastics). Consideration of RAM alignment with internationally accepted assessment and protocols (e.g., RecyClass, 4Evergreen, RECOUP standards and methodologies).
5. **Review printing inks specs and security tags consideration** – Review of how RAM addresses printing inks' and security tags' (e.g., RFID/AM) impacts on recyclability.
6. **Review inclusion of bioplastics and compostables** – Review of how bioplastics and compostables (currently 'other' materials) may be accounted for in future iterations of RAM.

RAM roadmap text version: 2025-2030

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2025

September

Recycling Assessment Methodology Technical Advisory Committee (RAM TAC) meeting

October

Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (pEPR): producer deadline, data for January to June 2025

pEPR: Producer invoices issued

Four Nations: Policy Alignment Review (footnote 1)

Quarter 4

RAM: review take-back scheme guidance and evidence provision for changing RAM rating guidance

December

RAM: TAC meeting

2026

January

RAM: drafting of RAM 2027 begins

Quarter 1

RAM: review of language clarity and definitions (footnote 2)

RAM: review of RAM V1.0 removals (footnote 3)

March

pEPR: Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO) appointed

RAM: TAC Meeting

Quarter 2

RAM: Review Fibre-Based Composites (FBC) guidance

April

pEPR: Producer deadline, data for July to Dec 2025

June

RAM: TAC meeting

July

pEPR: RAM 2027 published

Quarter 3

RAM: review of alignment with Separation of Waste Regulations and international assessment and protocols (footnote 4)

September

RAM: TAC meeting

October

pEPR: producer deadline, data for Jan to June 2026

Four Nations: Policy Alignment Review

Quarter 4

RAM: Review flexible plastics guidance ahead of Simpler Recycling rollout

December

RAM: TAC Meeting

2027

January

RAM: drafting of RAM 2028 begins

Quarter 1

RAM: review rigid plastics guidance

March

RAM: TAC Meeting

Four Nations: collection of plastic film

April

pEPR: producer deadline, data for July to Dec 2026

Quarter 2

RAM: review take-back scheme guidance

Q3

June

RAM: TAC meeting

July

pEPR: RAM 2028 published

RAM: review printing ink specs and security tags consideration (footnote 5)

September

RAM: TAC meeting

October

Four Nations: Policy Alignment Review

pEPR: producer deadline, data for Jan to June 2027

Quarter 4

RAM: review food and cosmetics contamination guidance

December

RAM: TAC meeting

pEPR: 2027 to 2028 policy review

2028

January

pEPR: Producers of drinks containers made of PET plastic, aluminium and steel become subject to pEPR obligations if a Deposit Return Scheme is not operational for this material

RAM: drafting of RAM 2029 begins

Quarter 1

RAM: review collection and reprocessing guidelines

Quarter 2

RAM: review 'other' guidance

March

RAM: TAC meeting

April

pEPR: producer deadline, data for July to Dec 2027

June

RAM: TAC meeting

July

pEPR: RAM 2029 published

Q3

RAM: review glass guidance

September

RAM: TAC meeting

October

Four Nations: Policy Alignment Review

pEPR: producer deadline, data for Jan to June 2028

Quarter 4

RAM: review paper and board guidance

December

RAM: TAC meeting

2029

January

RAM: drafting of RAM 2030 begins

Quarter 1

RAM: review aluminium and steel guidance

March

RAM: TAC meeting

April

pEPR: producer deadline, data for July to Dec 2028

Quarter 2

RAM: review inclusion of bioplastics and compostables (footnote 6)

June

RAM: TAC meeting

July

pEPR: RAM 2030 published

Q3

RAM: review wood guidance

September

RAM: TAC meeting

October

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Four Nations: Policy Alignment Review

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Footnotes

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