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**WRITTEN STATEMENT
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TITLE **SI laid in Parliament, which amends secondary legislation in a devolved area The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2022 (“the 2022 Regulations”).**

DATE **28 November 2022**

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Members of the Senedd will wish to be aware that consent is being given to the Secretary of State to exercise a subordinate legislation-making power in a devolved area in relation to Wales.

In 2019, Ministers across the UK collectively agreed to introduce a new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regime for packaging, which will replace the current regime. As the proposed start date for the new EPR regime is not until 2024, amendments are needed to the current regulations to ensure targets are in place for the interim period. The regulations will roll forward the existing packaging producer responsibility targets for 2023, until the new packaging extended producer responsibility regulations come into force. Agreement has therefore been sought by Victoria Prentis MP Minister of State for Farming, Fisheries and Food to make a Statutory Instrument (SI) titled The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2022 to apply in relation to England and Wales.

The above titled SI will be made by the Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 50 of and paragraphs 1(1) and 2(2) of Schedule 4 to the Environment Act 2021. The SI amends the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 (S.I.

2007/871) which impose obligations on packaging producers to recycle packaging waste to meet overall recycling and material-specific recycling targets.

These Regulations set an overall recycling target as well as material-specific recycling targets for 2023 on obligated producers in England and Wales in relation to glass, plastic, aluminium, steel, paper/board, and wood as well as a specific re-melt target for glass.

The regulations were laid before Parliament on 23 November 2022 to come into force on 1 January 2023.