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# Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

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## Discussion Points

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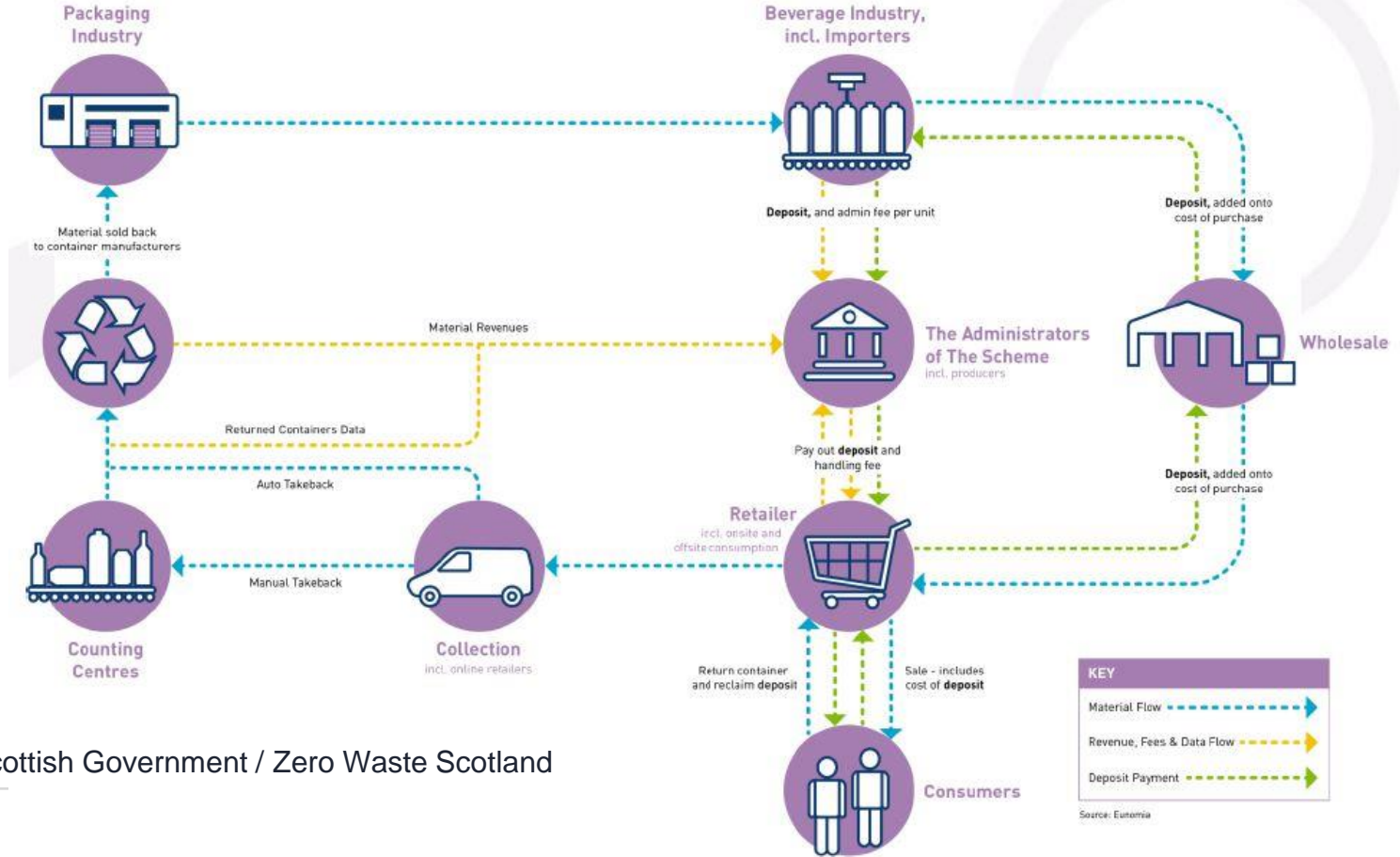
- What is the scheme?
  - Producers
  - Retailers
  - Practical Considerations
  - Next steps?
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What is the  
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# Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme



Credit: Scottish Government / Zero Waste Scotland



What does the  
law say?

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# Legal Issues

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- The Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020
  - Scheme Articles
    - Producers
      - Wholesalers
        - Retailers
          - SEPA



Producers and  
Retailers

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# Producer (or importer) obligations

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Obligations include:

- Register with SEPA
  - Pay a registration fee
  - Charge a 20p deposit on each scheme article made available for retail sale in Scotland
  - Arrange for collection of empty scheme containers
  - Pay a reasonable handling fee to retailers and return point operators
  - Discharge obligations directly or nominate a scheme administrator
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# Retailer obligations

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Obligations include:

- Only sell drinks from registered producers
  - Charge the 20p deposit when selling a drink that is part of the scheme
  - Make it clear if a drink is not part of the scheme
  - Display information on the price of the deposit and how the customer can redeem the deposit
  - Operate a return point (unless exempt) or takeback service;
  - Store returned empty containers (in a safe way)
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# Costs and Practical Issues

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- Producer registration fee
  - Plus,
    - The costs of a collection scheme (if registering directly with SEPA); or
    - A producer fee (if registering with the scheme administrator)
  - A reasonable handling fee charged to producer by return point operator
  - Labelling?
  - Reverse Vending Machines
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# Costs and Practical Issues

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- Landlords can operate return points on behalf of tenants
  - Return point exemptions
  - Compliance with waste regulations
  - Cash flow, VAT, and internal market concerns?
  - Next steps?
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# Questions

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