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Dear Steering Group Member,

Open Letter to the Packaging EPR Scheme Administrator Interim Steering Group on behalf of the 4 UK Nations.

As the start of the operationalisation of the UK's packaging Extended Producer Responsibility Scheme Administrator draws near, on behalf of each of the four UK Governments we would like to thank you for your time and your commitment to ensuring that Packaging EPR launches on a firm footing, ready to help ensure packaging is part of a circular economy in the UK in the very near future.

The four nations of the UK are committed to exploring ways to ensure greater producer and industry leadership, integration and engagement within packaging EPR, including the appointment of a Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO). We have established a codesign process to take this forward, as part of the work of the Scheme Administrator Steering Group. This co-design involves members of the Food and Drink Federation (FDF) convened PRO Steering Group as well as Local Authorities and other representatives from across the value chain. We will act on the recommendations of this group, to maximise value chain involvement whilst providing robust governance for the Scheme Administrator.

We still have a lot to achieve, and we are grateful for your continued endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

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