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How to prevent waste packaging consumption?

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Product fee



The product fee is intended to prevent or reduce pollution of the environment by causing the rational use of natural resources in the production, sale and use of particular products, e.g. packagings



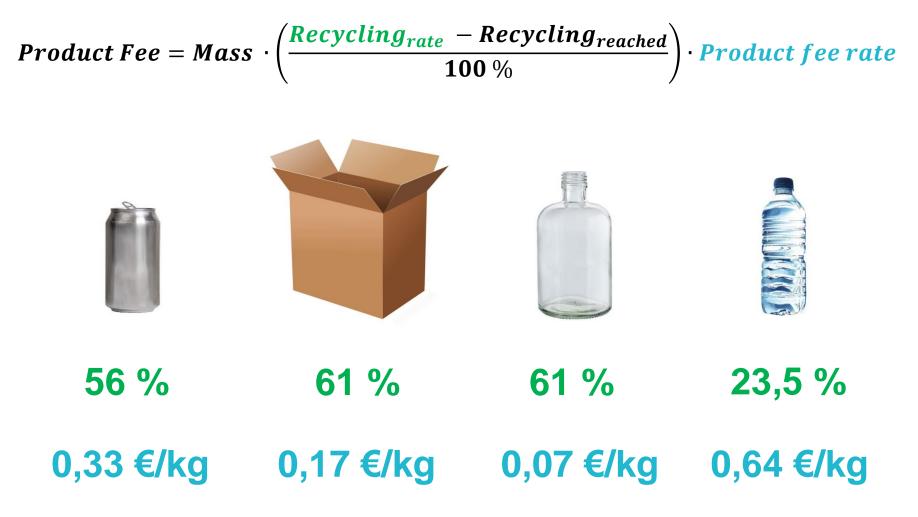
Entrepreneurs' obligations

- Limiting the amount of packaging and negative environmental impact
- The obligation of bringing out packagings which allows their further recovery and recycling
- The obligation of reaching the recovery and recycling level, as well as to carry out educational campaigns related to the minimization of waste
- In case of a failure to reach the recovery and recycling level, the obilgation
 of paying the product fee in the maximum amount of 1 €/kg





Product fee calculation





Packaging recycling organizations

- Packaging recycling organizations (PRO) take over the obligations of:
 - recovery and recycling of packaging waste
 - carrying out educational campaigns
 - o reporting
- Entrepreneurs forward to PRO the information on the quantities of brought out packaging
- PRO ensures recycling and recovery by a cooperation with recyclers







Controlling system



Controls have been introduced since 2013 to limit brought out packaging and products in packages.

- 2016: 9 entrepreneurs were controlled and fined for a total fine of 20 000 €
- 2017: 12 entrepreneurs were controlled and fined for a total fine of 5 300 €

The funds from the product fees are used for activities related to the environmental protection.



Recycling fee

- Even **11 000 000 000** of plastic bags are consumed every year in Poland (up to 300 per capita)
- Free plastic bags were available in each selling point by the end of 2017
- Since 2018 the recycling fee for plastic bags 15-50 µm thick has been charged
- It will decrease their consumption by 30 % in the first year
- The fee implements a rules of EC Directive





Payment

 Revenues from recycling fees are an income of the **country budget**

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- They have to be forwarded by the leading retail or wholesale unit, who is responsible for a fee charging by **15th March**
- Obtained funds will be donated to the environmental education in reducing the use of plastic bags



Strenghts/weaknesses

- Decrease the amount of packaging waste
- Increase of recovered and recycled packaging waste
- Obligation to finance educational campaigns provides good habits in society
- Lack of knowledge among entrepreneurs



- Decrease of using plastic bags from 300 to 200 per capita
- Minimization of packaging waste
- Working out a habit of using reusable cloth bags among citizens
- Lack of control tool causes failures to comply with the law, especially by sellers at marketplaces or small shops







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Thank you!

