



Proposed Single Use Carrier Bag Charge (Scotland) Regulations 2014



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Summary of the Regulations

- **1st requirement**: To charge a minimum of **5p** for new single use carrier bags (paper, plastic or plant based material)
- **2nd requirement**: If **10** or more Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff are employed, to keep, retain and supply information on bags supplied and monies received as a result of the charge



What is a single use carrier bag?

- Paper/plastic/starch based- included bio bags
- Supplied with intention to use once
- If Plastic
 - Made from thin plastic (less than 50 microns)
 - Less than 439mm x 404mm-excluding handles
- If Paper/Starch based- Single use **UNLESS**
 - Purchased by the customer
 - Returnable to the retailer/Replaced free of charge
 - Clearly Marked

Examples of Chargeable Bags

CHARGEABLE



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What bags are exempt from the requirement to charge?

- Small bags can always be supplied free of charge
- Bags of a certain size used **solely** to contain packaged uncooked meat, poultry and fish
- Bags used **solely** to contain exempted items
- Bags of any size used to contain items purchased in airports and on board vehicles
- Specialist bags

Examples of Exempt Bags and Items

EXEMPT



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When do you have an obligation to charge?

- Two situations require a charge to be made:
 - Where a new bag is supplied, for the purpose of enabling goods sold to be taken away
 - Where a new bag is supplied, for the purpose of enabling delivery of goods sold
- The obligation refers to the supply of single use carrier bags
- Where goods are supplied by a 3rd party the obligation to charge remains with the seller



What information needs to be recorded?

- Information to be recorded
 - Total number of SUCBs supplied
 - Total income received for chargeable bags
 - Amount received by way of the charge
 - A breakdown of overheads incurred
 - Net proceeds of the charge
- 1st reporting year starts on 20/10/14 and the 2nd on 7/4/15
- Information must be stored for a 3 year period, starting on 31 May following the end of the reporting year in question



What resources are available?

- Dedicated microsite website for businesses
- Online Frequently Asked Questions database
- Dedicated Email address for enquiries
- Retailer guidance documentation
- Carrier Bag Commitment
- Direct mail pack for small retailers
- Communications material for stakeholders



What resources are available (Continued)?

- Free digital templates for all retailers
- Training videos
- Social media messaging
- Template for good causes
- Carrier Bag Commitment reporting portal
- Carrier Bag Commitment communications materials
- Sector specific communications material
 - E.g. exemptions



The Carrier Bag Commitment

- The proceeds from the charge belong to individual businesses
- Scottish Government is eager to see the proceeds of the charge donated to good causes in Scotland:
 - Particularly those with an environmental focus
- To facilitate this Zero Waste Scotland will establish a voluntary agreement and associated central reporting portal
- Signatories will benefit from tailored communications collateral and Zero Waste Scotland aiding with both requirements to store and produce information



Questions?





Website and contact details

www.carrierbagchargescotland.org.uk

Retailer Guidance

Carrier Bag Commitment

Training resources

Digital templates

Exemption specific posters

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