



# Post Consultation Brief on the Waste Management (Packaging and Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY / GENERAL COMMENTS

The draft Waste Management (Packaging & and Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020, were issued for public consultation for a period of four weeks, beginning on the 4th June 2020 and ending on the 3rd July 2020. Members of the public were invited to make comments and suggestions as to how the proposed regulations could be improved to reach their ultimate aim. Only one comment was received via email during the said consultation period, as outlined below together with ERA's reply on the said comment.

## DETAILED CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Ref No.	Name of Stakeholder	Comments Received	Response / Remarks
1	Dr. Philip Hadcroft	<p>It would be helpful if legislators would consider whether, in modifying the categories of persons or entities to whom these regulations apply, they may be preventing or limiting the scope for future innovation and change.</p> <p>By way of <u>example</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Malta has a dairy industry sufficient for the production of fresh milk to the Maltese islands; however very large quantities of UHT (long-life) milk are imported from other European countries.</li><li>• It is desirable, and in the interests of both the national economy and the nation's future food</li></ul>	<p>Comment duly noted.</p> <p>The overarching objective of the draft Regulations at issue is indeed to avoid placing excessive burden on the relevant economic operators, with a view to striking the right balance between economic considerations and environmental benefits, while also not limiting the scope of the principal regulations for future innovation and change.</p>

		<p>security, for Malta to establish a UHT milk production facility, to substitute imported product with local product and to grow its dairy herd accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The packaging of very large quantities of UHT milk might be provided through the local manufacturing of recycled plastic bottles (see attached) made from plastic waste collected from the Maltese community.</li> <li>• Such a programme would lower production costs, make UHT milk more affordable, reduce reliance on third party countries and strengthen our balance of trade – all while lowering packaging waste, supporting the ecology and improving agriculture and industry.</li> </ul> <p>Please consider, when making changes to legislation, that initiatives such as those presented in the above example are not precluded by not looking beyond the present situation.</p>	
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