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Packaging Legislative Analysis

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## 2. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

### 2.1 EPR Scheme Description

The EPR Scheme in Vietnam was established as part of Decree No. 08/2022/ND-CP as previously mentioned. On December 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam, through official document No. 782/TB-BTNMT, published a list of Producer Responsible Organizations (PROs).

MONRE is the authority in charge of EPR in Vietnam, responsible for issuing regulations on all matters relating to EPR, determining recycling rates for products and packaging and managing the Vietnam environment protection Fund (VEP Fund).

There are two obligations for EPR:

1. Producer’s recycling responsibility in accordance with the Law on Environmental Protection 2020:

- Actors manufacturing or importing recyclable products and packaging must recycle by the compulsory recycling rate and specifications.
- Recycle products and packaging in one of the following forms:
  - Organize the recycling of products and packaging
  - Make a financial contribution to the VEP Fund to support the recycling of products and packaging.

2. Producers’ treatment responsibility in accordance with the LEP

Actors that produce and/or import products and packaging containing toxic substances, which are difficult to recycle or cause difficulties for collection and disposal, must contribute financially to support treatment activities.

Recyclable subjects/items and timelines are as follows:

Packaging	WEEEs	Batteries (rechargeable)	Lubricants	Tires, Tubes	Electric Vehicles (ELVs)
01/01/2024	01/01/2026	01/01/2024	01/01/2024	01/02/2024	01/01/2027

#### Definition of Packaging

For EPR, the terminology used is “Commercial packaging” and includes primary and secondary packaging.

There are exceptions to the EPR rules, these are as follows:

- Producers of products and packaging for export or temporary import, re-export, or production, import for research, educational and experimental purposes.
- Packaging producers whose revenue from sales and services of the previous year was under 30 billion VND
- Packaging importers whose total import value (calculated according to customs value) of the previous year was under 20 billion VND.

There are two options to implement the recycling responsibility. Individually organising recycling, or making a financial contribution to the VEP Fund. Producers are able to opt for either of these approaches.

Mode	Route	Producers' Obligation
Self-organising recycling	Recycle alone Hire a recycling unit Fully authorised a third party (PRO)	Producers must register their recycling plan with MONRE. This plan must be implemented and the annual recycling results must be reported to MONRE.
Financial Contribution	Financial Equation Contribution $F = R \times V \times F_s$ F: Financial Contribution R: Compulsory Recycling Rate V: Volume of Products or Packaging F: Standard Recycling Cost	Producers must calculate the financial contribution and pay to the VEP Fund.

## Self-Organising Recycling

Producers are obligated to annually register recycling plans and report the recycling results for the previous year to MONRE by 31st March each year. If producers employ the use of a fully authorised PRO, the PRO will take responsibility for registering and reporting on behalf of the producer.

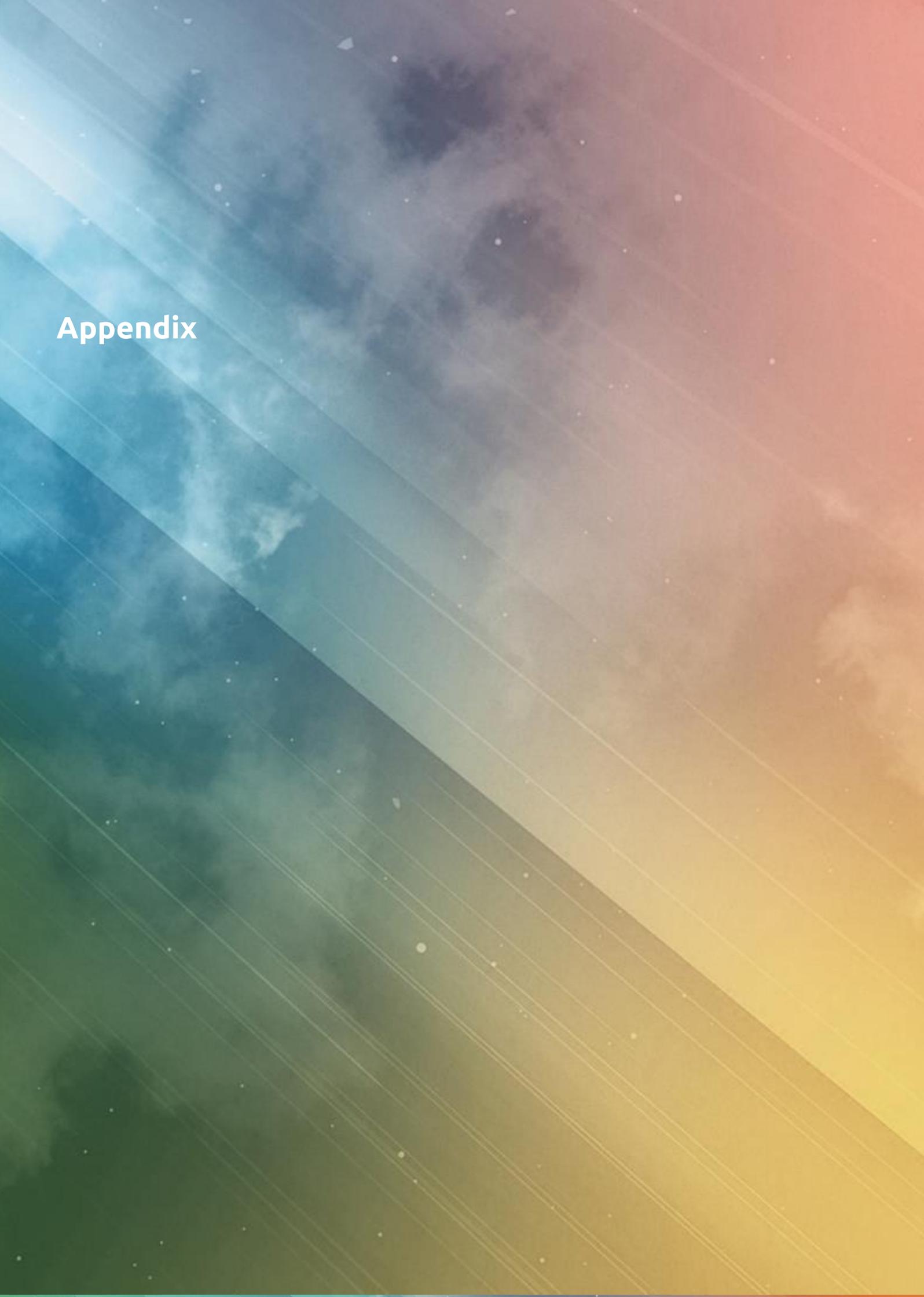
Recycling plan registration is determined by the quantity of products and packaging that was introduced to the market or imported in the previous year. The legal responsibility for the accuracy of information relating to the registration of recycling plans and the reporting of recycling outcomes is that of the Producer or Authorised Party.

## 2.2. Fees

**Where Producers have chosen to contribute financially to the VEP Fund, a fee declaration must be submitted, with fees calculated by the Producer themselves using the calculation method detailed in the table above. The fee declaration must be submitted to MONRE prior to 31st March each year, and necessary payments can only be made following this submission.**

**Penalties may be enacted for non-compliance as follows:**

- **Fines**
  - **Up to 1 billion VND for individual actors**
  - **2 billion VND for legal entities**
- **Compulsory contract termination**
- **Removal from the recycling organisations, units and authorised recycling entity list**
- **Violation information publication**



# Appendix

## Introducing aura

### About Us

At the heart of our business is a sheer fascination with packaging and the impact it has on our world. Packaging's relationship with the environment is complex and we work with true ethical partners to educate, unite like-minded thinkers and share knowledge.

A global business, the reference point for packaging sustainability, utilising knowledge and data to provide the justification required to drive positive change.

### Services

Our expertise falls into three categories designed to deliver a strategic programme focused on the sustainability goals of our clients. These services are supported by a multi-disciplinary team made up of packaging, sustainability, technology and retail experts committed to making a measurable difference every day.

#### Consulting – Pioneering Packaging Strategy

We are packaging sustainability pioneers committed to true partnerships, focused on the delivery of mutual goals.

Our breadth of packaging sustainability knowledge across substrates, design, technical packaging, legislation, and recyclability allows us to evolve strategies to make a measurable difference both now and in the future.

Our Consultants build road maps for global change, our Technical Engineers develop specifications to refine the impact of your packaging and our Supplier Success Managers are on hand to assist with client education, communications and engagement.

As a result, we will deliver a robust strategy compliant with your sustainability goals aligned to current and future legislation.





### Technology – Managing Sustainability Everyday

We provide live data and control to deliver the accurate information you require to make real time decisions that impact your business and our planet.

**e-halo** is an unrivalled packaging sustainability platform combining state-of-the-art technology with consulting services, designed to manage the changing landscape of global packaging legislation, compliance, and sustainability commitments.

**e-halo** provides packaging component data at a granular level, making sustainable packaging part of everyday decision making.

**e-halo** manages compliance to evolving legislation and recyclability requirements with a comprehensive reporting suite allowing for real-time measurement against your business and sustainability targets.



### Insights – Data Driven Decisions

We utilise knowledge and data to provide the justification required to drive positive change.

**Data Management** – We interact with digital information every day. We gather, check, manage and translate data into valuable insights that our clients can use to measure and motivate positive change.

**Horizon Futures** – We offer horizon scanning services for global packaging legislation across 54 countries and for this we are unique. We interpret legislation rather than just quoting a legal directive, to help you understand the current and future packaging landscape. We then consider how emerging trends might potentially affect current policy and practice, enabling our clients to take a longer-term strategic approach to packaging sustainability.

## Our Management Team

- We are packaging sustainability pioneers committed to true partnership, which means to us a relationship focused on the delivery of the mutual goals of our business and that of our clients.
- Visionary
- Pioneering strategies which educate, unite and influence change
- Responsible
- Real-time data drives the changes needed to positively impact our planet
- Honest
- Decisions are informed, and our communications are authentic
- Collaborative
- Ethical Partnerships unify our mutual goals to create a vision fit for the future



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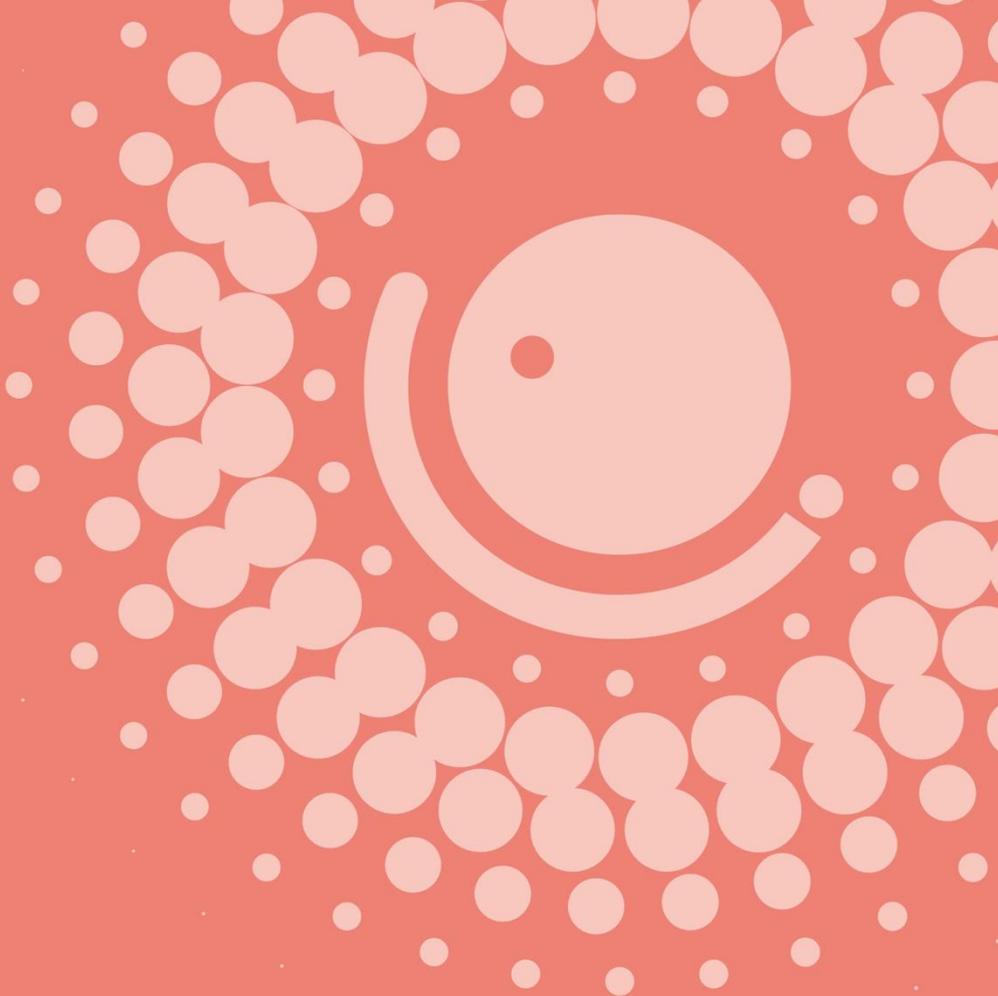
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