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# SESA ready to work with Scottish DRS to ensure its success

**Edinburgh, 14 May 2020:** The Scottish Environmental Services Association (SESA) has said that it is ready to work with the administrator of the new Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in Scotland, to ensure that it successfully delivers for the environment, after a scheme was approved by the Scottish Parliament yesterday (13 May).

It is anticipated that the DRS regulations, which were approved by MSPs in a 36-16 vote, will be implemented from July 2022 at the earliest, after being postponed from an original target start date in 2021.

**Scottish Environmental Services Association (SESA) Policy Advisor, Stephen Freeland, said:** *“SESA has always supported the principle of a Deposit Return Scheme in Scotland and we want to make sure that it successfully delivers its environmental goals, and that it works in practice.*

*These new regulations will introduce fundamental changes to the way recyclable material is collected in Scotland, which will subsequently affect a wide range of businesses and all of us as consumers, so it is essential that all stakeholders in this scheme are given sufficient time and support to adapt.*

*SESA members have the necessary skills, knowledge and experience within the Circular Economy to help to make DRS a success, and stand ready to play an essential role in its delivery, so it is important that SESA members are involved in discussions as the scheme evolves over the next two years.*

*We look forward to working closely with the scheme administrator, helping overcome some of the anticipated challenges, to ensure the scheme sits effectively alongside kerbside collections and feeds domestic reprocessors with good quality material.”*

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## Notes to editors:

1. The **Scottish Environmental Services Association** (SESA) is the voice of the Scotland's waste and resource management sector. We work with our members to transform waste and resource management across Scotland. This work helps enable our members to turn scottish waste into valuable resources, whilst continually protecting the environment.
2. We work with all levels of government, regulators and the public to deliver a more sustainable waste and resource management solution for the UK.
3. SESA's Members manage waste on behalf of the whole of society and we are recovering more than ever before. For example, the industry has helped quadruple the UK's household recycling rates over the last 10 years.
4. For further details please visit [www.esauk.org](http://www.esauk.org)

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