



Policy tools that work

Background reading for teachers

This reading gives you the background for each slide, with sources you can check.

Bag charge

England's single-use carrier bag charge, introduced in 2015 and raised to 10p in 2021, cut sales at the main supermarkets by more than 98%, from 7.6 billion in 2014 to 133 million in 2022/23, or from about 140 to about two bags per person a year.¹

Deposit return

Germany's deposit return system, in which shoppers pay a deposit of 25 euro cents on PET bottles and reclaim it at retailers, had a return rate of 98% in 2024, the highest globally, according to Reloop's Global Deposit Book 2024.²

EPR

The Philippine EPR Act (Republic Act 11898) sets rising recovery targets for obliged enterprises, from 20% in 2023 to 80% by 2028.

Sources

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