

# Retail Packaging Recycling Bill

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Require that certain retailers shall provide free of charge a collection point for any packaging materials sold or supplied by them; and to require them to recycle or safely dispose of such materials.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Collection of packaging**

- (1) A relevant retailer shall provide a safe collection point within the curtilage of each of his retail outlets for the return of packaging sold or otherwise supplied from that outlet in the course of business.
- (2) A collection point under subsection (1) shall be clearly signed and shall be open to the public during all business hours. 5

**2 Recycling or disposal of packaging**

A relevant retailer shall ensure that packaging collected under the provisions of section 1—

- (a) where reasonably practicable, is reused, returned to the supplier or recycled; or 10
- (b) in any other circumstances, is safely disposed of using a licensed waste disposal contractor.

**3 Interpretation**

In this Act— 15

“packaging” means any container, material, substance or component supplied with a product but which is not a part of that product;

“relevant retailer” means a person who carries on a business in a premises which—

- (a) is approved for that purpose under Planning Use Class A1, A2 or A3, and 20

(b) has a net retail sales area greater than 250 square metres.

**4 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Retail Packaging Recycling Act 2007.

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