



## EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the implementation date of the Regulations?

5 May 2021

### Who must register?

All Producers and PROs must register

### How do we register?

Go to the [sawic.environment.gov.za/epr](http://sawic.environment.gov.za/epr) site and register online

### How will imported products be handled or are they not covered?

Importers of identified products are defined as Producers and hence they must register

### Can we see all the approved EPR schemes on the DFFE website?

The legislation does not provide for the approval of the EPR Schemes. The DFFE Website will only contain the registered Producers and PROs.

### How long will it take to approve an EPR Scheme?

The EPR Scheme will not have an approval BUT is required to comply with all the requirements contained in the Regulations.

### What will the EPR levy be?

The levy must be calculated and submitted to the Minister for approval before it can be implemented.

### If we import electrical equipment, do we have to join an Electrical PRO and the packaging PRO?

Yes

### How do we join a PRO if we do not know if they are approved?

PROs will not be approved by DFFE. PROs will be registered. PROs are required to comply with the requirements contained in the regulations.

### When do we start paying the EPR Levy?

Once there is an EPR Scheme operating then the EPR fee becomes payable if you have subscribed to that operating Scheme.

### Are we compelled to join a PRO?

No, you can implement your own scheme for your products as provided for in the Regulations

### Are electrical cables covered in the WEEE Notice?

No

### Do local fillers have to register?

If the packaging is locally sourced the responsibility is for the local manufacturer to register and join an EPR Scheme, If the packaging is imported then the local fillers will be deemed to be the manufacturer and must therefore register and join an EPR Scheme.

### Is there a list of registered PROs available from the Department?

Yes it is accessible through the [sawic.environment.gov.za/epr](http://sawic.environment.gov.za/epr) site

### Who is meant to be the first line to register as packaging producer according to the amended definition published on 5 May 2021?

In the case of a branded product and the brand owner is based in SA – the Brand owner must register. If the brand owner is not in SA but there is an importer/agent then the importer or agent must register.

For local manufacturer – the local manufacturer must register

The retailer will only register if there is an agreement between the manufacturer/ brand owner that the levy will be charged at the retailer level and hence the retailer must take the responsibility

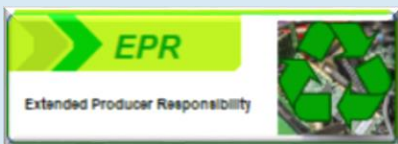
### Do we get a registration certificate upon registering?

No certificate is issued. The registration number must be used as a reference

### Is industrial waste covered under EPR?

No. The EPR Regulations define “extended producer responsibility means that a producer's responsibility for their product is extended to the post -consumer stage of a product's life cycle.” EPR covers post-consumer waste only.

## Important links



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