The Action Plan for Ireland

Repak Ltd

June 2020

close the
glass loop

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2018 Size of the Market, Glass Packaging Generated…...estimated

- **Total Glass Packaging** = 158,854 tonnes

- **Glass Recycled** = 137,761 (**87%**)

- **Packaging Recovered** = 870 (**.5%**)

- **Total R & R** = 138,631 (**87%**)

- **Unmanaged Tonnes** = 20,223 (**13%**)

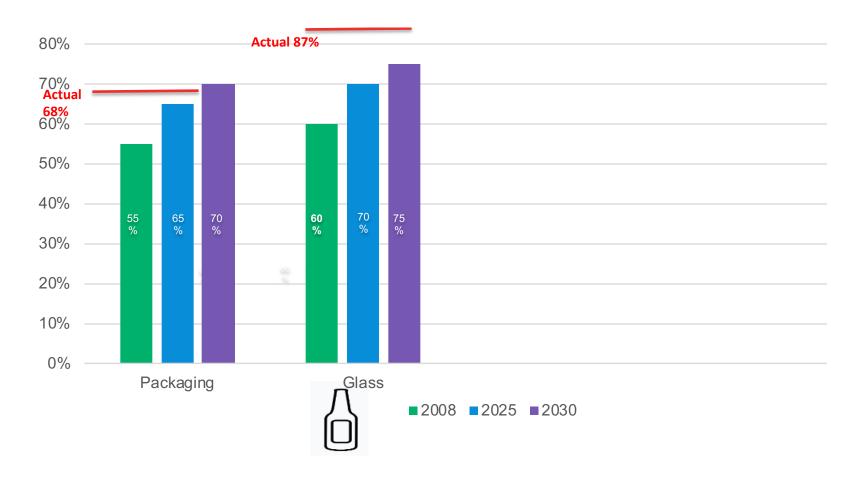- **Number of Bottle Banks** = 1,514

- **Glass Collected/Inhabitant** = 28 kgs

Note; The official national data for 2018 compiled by the Environment Protection Agency will not be available until July 2020.

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Targets Challenge   V's   Actuals 2018

Bar chart comparing recycling targets (2008, 2025, 2030) versus 2018 actuals for Packaging and Glass.

- Packaging: 2008 = 55%, 2025 = 65%, 2030 = 70%; Actual 68%
- Glass: 2008 = 60%, 2025 = 70%, 2030 = 75%; Actual 87%

Legend: ■ 2008 ■ 2025 ■ 2030

Our ambition for glass

➢ **Repak to set target to increase glass recycling to 90% by 2029.**

Overview of Repak

➢ **Repak is an extended producer responsibility scheme set up in 1997 to help businesses meet their obligations to recycle the packaging they place on the Irish market.**

➢ **It is the sole compliance scheme in Ireland and is a not-for-profit organisation with a social mission.**

➢ **Repak has over 3,400 members, whose fees fund household recycling bins, bottle banks, civic amenities and commercial back-door waste nationwide.**

➢ **Repak is passionate about protecting the environment and reducing the environmental impact of packaging waste, while delivering Ireland's recycling targets for the five main materials.**

➢ **Repak runs initiatives and campaigns to help our members improve the sustainability of their packaging and to encourage consumers to reduce their packaging waste and recycle better.**

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Actions for the Future

Focus to be on;

➢ **Reducing the amount of unmanaged tonnes (circa 20,000 tonnes).**

➢ **Glass collection market to be reviewed to improve efficiencies and capacity.**

➢ **Additional contingency to be build into the system to enable it to manage in a crisis such as the pandemic.**

➢ **Improved segregation and separation of system to be planned.**

➢ **Increased measures to reduce contamination to be implemented.**

➢ **Major emphasis on education, awareness and behaviour change.**

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