

Priority Products for Regulated Product Stewardship



This table provides a summary of the priority products that were announced by the Associate Minister for the Environment in July 2020. These now need to go through a co-design process, if they haven't already, for a regulated product stewardship scheme. It also includes beverage containers, which have not yet been declared a priority product but have begun the co-design process.

This table is up to date as of 7 September 2020 and will be updated regularly. Please contact the scheme manager (in the hyperlinks below) for more information.

Milestones (do not necessarily follow in numerical order):



1 Priority products announced



2 Codesign process begins



3 Report with recommendations goes to MfE



4 Application for priority product stewardship scheme accreditation, noting any regulations required



5 If scheme meets WMA requirements, accredited by Minister as soon as practicable



6 Public consultation begins on proposed regulations (before or after accreditation)



7 Regulations for priority products put in place



8 Product stewardship scheme refined & implemented

Product and scheme manager	Scope	Timeline for application for priority product stewardship scheme accreditation, noting any regulations required for effectiveness	History	Milestones reached
 Tyres AutoStewardship NZ	All pneumatic (air-filled) tyres and solid tyres for use on motorised vehicles (cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, tractors, forklifts, aircraft and off-road vehicles), bicycles (manual or motorised) and non-motorised vehicles	ETA is within one year from the date of priority product declaration (July 2020)	Tyrewise is an industry-led framework set up in 2012 that has advocated for regulated product stewardship to manage end-of-life tyres. It has carried out extensive stakeholder consultation.	
 Agrichemicals & their containers Agrecovery Foundation	Chemicals in containers up to and including 1000 litres in size or equivalent packaging for dry goods that are used for: (a) any horticulture, agricultural and livestock production, including veterinary medicines (b) industrial, utility, infrastructure and recreational pest and weed control	ETA is within one year from the date of priority product declaration (July 2020)	Agrecovery , a not-for-profit charitable trust, was established in 2006 to address persistent on-farm waste issues. It manages the accredited product stewardship scheme for agrichemicals and their containers and has carried out	

	<p>(c) forestry</p> <p>(d) household pest and weed control operations</p> <p>(e) similar activities conducted or contracted by local and central government authorities. Including but not limited to all substances that require registration under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997, whether current or expired, and their containers (packaging), which are considered hazardous until they have been triple-rinsed.</p>		extensive stakeholder consultation.	
 <p>Refrigerants & other synthetic greenhouse gases</p> <p>Refrigerant Recovery</p>	<p>Gases used for heating, cooling and air conditioning that are ozone depleting substances under the Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996 and/or synthetic greenhouse gases under the Climate Change Response Act 2002, and products containing these gases.</p>	ETA is within one year from the date of priority product declaration (July 2020)	<p>Refrigerant Recovery was established in 1993 and manages the accredited product stewardship scheme for refrigerants and synthetic greenhouse gases.</p>	
 <p>E-waste</p> <p>Techcollect NZ & B.I.G. (large batteries)</p>	<p>All categories of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) defined in Annex II of European Directive2012/19/EU</p> <p>Large batteries – a) Rechargeable batteries designed for use in electric or hybrid electric vehicles or household-scale and industrial renewable energy power systems including but not limited to lithium-ion batteries b) All other re-chargeable and non-rechargeable batteries, including lead-acid batteries used in vehicles and stationary power systems</p>	ETA Within one year from the date of priority product declaration or co-design recommendations to the Government, whichever is later	There are a few accredited schemes for particular categories of e-waste such as mobile phones and printers/consumables etc. The industry-led Techcollect voluntary e-waste scheme for ICT was launched in NZ in 2018. The industry led B.I.G. project was launched in 2018.	
 <p>Farm Plastics</p> <p>Agrecovery Foundation</p>	<p>Plastic wrapping materials for silage or hay including, but not limited to, baleage wrap, hay bale netting, baling twine and covers for silage pits(b) plastic sacks for packaging agricultural and horticultural commodities</p>	ETA Within one year from the date of priority product declaration or co-design recommendations to the Government, whichever is later	Established in 2006, industry-owned Plasback manages an accredited product stewardship scheme for farm plastic wrapping materials. The Agrecovery	

	including, but not limited to, fertiliser sacks, feed sacks and bulk tonne bags of woven polypropylene and/or polyethylene(c) other plastic packaging and products used for agriculture and horticulture including, but not limited to, protective nets, reflective ground covers, and other rigid plastic container		Foundation will lead the regulated co-design for farm plastics.	 
 Plastic Packaging TBC	Packaging used for consumer goods at retail or wholesale level made of plastic resin codes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, singly or in combination with one or more of these plastics or any non-plastic material, and not refilled by the producer for retail sale or able to be refilled by the consumer at a retail establishment.	ETA within three years from the date of priority product declaration for all other priority product categories.	The Packaging Forum manages the accredited soft plastic packaging scheme for soft plastics. There is currently no product stewardship scheme for plastic packaging made from rigid plastics.	
 Beverage containers TBC	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	In August 2019 the Ministry for the Environment approved funding for a co-design project for a Container Return Scheme, which is being led by Marlborough District Council and Auckland Council.	