Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance

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An Ordinance to introduce measures to minimize the environmental impact of certain types of products; and to provide for related matters.

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(Format changes—E.R. 3 of 2015)

(Enacting provision omitted—E.R. 3 of 2015)

Part 1

Preliminary

1. Short title

- (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Product Eco-responsibility Ordinance.
- (2) (*Omitted as spent—E.R. 3 of 2015*)

(Amended E.R. 3 of 2015)

2. Purposes of this Ordinance

- (1) The purposes of this Ordinance are—
 - (a) to minimize the environmental impact of various types of products, which may include plastic shopping bags, vehicle tyres, electrical and electronic equipment, packaging materials, beverage containers and rechargeable batteries; and
 - (b) to that end, to introduce producer responsibility schemes, schemes based on the "polluter pays" principle, or other measures, which may require manufacturers, importers, wholesalers, retailers, consumers or any other parties to share the responsibility for the reduction in the use, or the recovery, recycling or proper disposal, of those products.
- (2) Such schemes or measures may include (but are not limited to) the following—
 - (a) a product take-back scheme under which a manufacturer, importer, wholesaler or retailer is required to collect certain products for proper waste management;
 - (b) a deposit-refund scheme under which a consumer is required to pay a deposit to be refunded on the return of certain products to a specified collection point;
 - (c) the imposition of a recycling levy or fee to finance the proper waste management of certain products; (Amended 3 of 2016 s. 3)
 - (d) the imposition of an environmental levy or a charge to discourage the use of certain products; and (Amended 4 of 2014 s. 3)
 - (e) the restriction on the disposal of certain products at any

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