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Dear Valued PETCO Members,

We would like to bring to your attention a few pertinent matters relating to your PETCO membership, stemming from recent activity by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE).

EPR fee concurrence received

We are pleased to inform you that we have received concurrence from the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment for the 2022 PETCO EPR fees.

As you know, we submitted our 2022 EPR fees to DFFE for concurrence on 1 November 2021. As per the Section 18 regulations, the Minister is then afforded 60 days to consult with Treasury and provide feedback to the PROs. Unfortunately, the Minister has significantly exceeded the 60-day timeframe and concurrence has been a rather arduous process, but we are pleased to have received concurrence on 28 June 2022.

The correspondence from the Minister (see attached letter) once again reiterates that the fee is applicable from 1 January 2022 as communicated by PETCO previously. We are thankful to all our members for being up to date with payments in alignment with this fee. The fee will be applicable for the duration of 2022 until such time as concurrence is obtained for the 2023 EPR fee.

Submission of 2023 Annual Financial Plan and Annual Budget

In order to obtain concurrence from the Minister for our 2023 Annual Financial Plan and Budget (which contains the 2023 EPR fee) by 01 January 2023, we will have to submit these documents to DFFE by 31 October 2022. The drafting of these documents will require forecasts of member volumes for 2023. We therefore request that **members submit their 2023 forecasted volumes to PETCO no later than 30 September 2022**. We

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encourage you to submit your forecasts sooner, if possible, as the earlier that we receive it, the more time we will have to draft our financial plans for 2023.

DFFE to appoint a panel of experts to advise on implementation of EPR regulations

Please note that DFFE has embarked on a process to appoint seven experts from various fields to form a panel which is intended to provide advisory services on the implementation of the EPR regulations for a period of 36 months. These advisory services will include the development of a guideline or guiding methodology for the setting of EPR fee structures.

According to the Department's BID document issued last week (and attached here), this guiding methodology is expected to be completed before the end of 2022 so that it might be considered when setting EPR fees and requesting concurrence for 2023 and beyond. The closing date for this BID is 21 July 2022. Please distribute it to any suitable experts in your networks.

PRO Alliance response to BID document

Together with the PRO Alliance, we have agreed to offer our services in supporting the determination of an EPR fee guiding methodology. We are also looking at how best we can assist in the formation of the expert panel. We are however concerned that with the closing date of 21 July 2022 contained in the BID document, it is unlikely that the panel of experts will be appointed and have developed a guiding methodology timeously enough to inform the PROs when drafting budgets and determining fees for 2023.

The PRO Alliance is therefore in the process of submitting a letter to the Minister to request that this methodology be available by 30 September 2022 in order to inform the setting of EPR fees for 2023. This is in the hope that we can avoid the protracted concurrence process experienced for the 2022 fees.



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As PETCO, we have shared our commitment to the Minister to support the development of the guiding methodology to ensure a streamlined fee concurrence process for 2023. We will strive to keep our members abreast of developments relating to the formation of this panel and the development of the EPR fee guiding methodology.

Feel free to reach out if you have any queries about any of the above.

Kind regards,

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