

## Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Tobacco Product Plastic Filter Group (TPPFG).

TPPFG is the compliance scheme for tobacco filter products containing plastic in Ireland. TPPFG is a non-profit company set up by producers to help deliver on their obligations under the European Union (Extended Producer Responsibility) (Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic) Regulations 2022 and the EU Single Use Plastics Directive (2019/904) in Ireland.

Our membership is comprised of producers who offer tobacco products with filters containing plastic and plastic filters for use in combination with tobacco products.

We cover the cost of the clean-up, transport and treatment of these products that are disposed of in public spaces.

TPPFG received approval on 23rd December 2022 to operate as the compliance scheme for the sector from the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications.

### Members Receive Membership Certificates



L to R, Deirdre Healy (Imperial Brands), Elisha Collier O'Brien (JTI Ireland), Rosalind O'Sullivan (BAT Ireland (PJ Carroll & Co) Ed Simkiss (Philip Morris).



## Board of Directors of TPPFG

Since receiving its approval, a board of directors was established which consists of members who are classed as producers under the regulations, as well as two independent directors.

The directors are listed in the table. In addition, Percy Foster was appointed as the part-time general manager, who is also the company secretary.

Name	Organisation
Deirdre Healy	Imperial Brands
Elisha Collier O'Brien	JTI Ireland
Liam Moloney	Independent
Michael O'Reilly	Independent
Ed Simkiss	Philip Morris
Rosalind O'Sullivan	BAT Ireland (PJ Carroll & Co)

### Welcome New Members

A membership drive was done in which potential members were contacted. We would like to welcome the following new members:

- Republic Technologies (UK) Limited
- S & W Wholesale
- Bullbrand
- Ampersand

### Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at:

**Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport  
(Stockhole Lane, Swords K67 X3H5,  
Co Dublin) on Friday 15th day of  
September 2023 at 12:30- 13.30.**

## Enforcement of Producers

In general, anyone who supplies Tobacco Filters containing plastic to the Irish market has legal obligations. The regulations use the term 'producer'. A 'producer' is essentially any person who places Tobacco Filters

containing plastic on the market in Ireland for the first time (this includes online sales).

Overall, a producer is anyone who Imports Tobacco Filters containing plastic into Ireland.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for enforcing the legal obligations that apply to producers under the Tobacco Filters containing plastic legislation and will pursue those who are not meeting their obligations. Enforcement notices will be issued to non-compliant producers. Non-compliance may lead to legal action up to and including prosecution. More information on EPA enforcement can be found at: [EPA/single use plastics](https://www.epa.ie/single-use-plastics).

TPPFG and the EPA jointly worked on an advertising campaign for producers on their obligation in the June issue of the Shelflife magazine, which can be seen [here](#).

### How to comply with the Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic Regulations



An Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme for Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic has been operating in Ireland since 5 January 2023. The scheme is designed to cover the costs for the clean-up and safe management of tobacco filters containing plastic (i.e. cigarette filters and 'roll-your-own' tobacco filters) when they are discarded as litter or in the public waste system. The scheme is underpinned by the European Union (Extended Producer Responsibility) (Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic) Regulations 2022 (SI 609 of 2022). The regulations place a legal obligation on those who supply Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic to the Irish market. The regulations use the term 'producer'. A 'producer' is essentially any person or company who places Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic on the market in Ireland for the first time (this

includes online sales). Overall, a producer is anyone who imports Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic into Ireland for onward sale.

The scheme is operated by a single compliance scheme - the **Tobacco Producer Plastic Filter Group (TPPFG)**.

If you are a Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic producer, then you must:

- Join the compliance scheme TPPFG: See [www.tppfg.ie](https://www.tppfg.ie) for more information.
- Report the amount of Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic that you place on the Irish market to TPPFG each year.
- Pay the membership and producer fees to TPPFG.
- Not place Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic on the market unless you are a member of TPPFG.

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This is only a brief description of the Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic EPR scheme. The full details of the scheme and the full range of obligations of producers are set out in the Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic Regulations (SI 609 of 2022). Further useful information is available on the EPA website and on the TPPFG website ([www.tppfg.ie](https://www.tppfg.ie)).

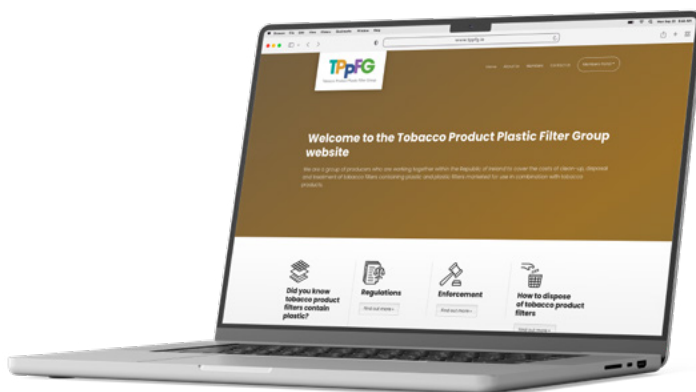


### Small Producer Board Position

A position exists on the board of TPPFG for a small producer member.

If you would like to join the board, please express your interest to the general manager at [info@tppfg.ie](mailto:info@tppfg.ie)

OUR WEBSITE IS LIVE @  
**WWW.TPPFG.IE**



# New Legislation on Tobacco Product Filters Containing Plastic



**Do you import tobacco filters, or products with tobacco filters, containing plastic for sale on the Irish market?**

**If you do import such products, you have a legal obligation to join the Tobacco Product Plastic Filter Group (TPPFG) in order to be compliant with new legislation.**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is responsible for enforcing the legal obligations that apply to producers under the Tobacco Filters Containing Plastic legislation. The EPA's role is to ensure compliance by pursuing those who are not meeting their obligations.

