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# Producer Responsibility 2015

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The following feature articles are planned (this list is provisional):

### 1) Introduction – a secret success

Though hotly contested when the concept was first introduced by EU lawmakers, producer responsibility has become part of the fabric of industry regulation. Independent experts generally give it good marks for delivering real environmental benefits at relatively low cost and driving innovation.

### 2) Policy outlook

After years of gradual expansion to include new waste streams, the UK producer responsibility regimes are once more a focus of attention, with the government looking at scope for further efficiency gains and possible streamlining.

### 3) Recycling markets

The fundamental aim of all producer responsibility schemes is to ensure achievement of recycling targets, as well as proper allocation of costs. In general the markets are functioning well, though obstacles have had to be overcome.

### 4) Provider insights

From small beginnings, the market for producer responsibility services has grown to feature more than 20 providers, many integrated with physical waste management and recycling operators. Interviews with at least 10 providers will inform this market review.

### 5) Regulator review

Producer responsibility is regulated by separate bodies in all four UK nations. Interviews with regulators will shine a spotlight on emerging approaches to compliance and enforcement activities.