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EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTS:
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Extended and Shared Responsibility For Products:

ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTIVENESS

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MARRIOTT HOTEL -- METRO CENTER
775 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Hosted by the Government of the United States Environmental Protection Agency
MONDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1998

17h00-20h00  Registration -- Marriott Hotel -- Metro Center

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1998

08h00-9h00  Registration -- Marriott Hotel -- Metro Center

SESSION 1 - PLENARY
Opening

09h00-10h00  Welcome and Opening Address

Welcome address:  Mike Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Administrator, US EPA
Opening remarks:  Jean Cinq-Mars, OECD
Opening address:  Marty Spitzer, Executive Director, President’s Council on Sustainable Development (invited)

10h00-10h15  Break

SESSION 2 - PLENARY
Examination of EPR Approaches As Applied to Different Industry Sectors, Products or Waste Streams

10h15-12h30

Objective:  To identify attributes that could affect how EPR programmes are designed by comparing and contrasting different country and/or regions that have used EPR for a specific industry sector, product or product groups or waste stream.

Moderator:  Reid Lifset, Yale University

Panel:  Ulf Jaeckel, Ministry of Environment, Germany
        Charlie Lund, Western Canada Used Oil/Filters/Container Task Force, Canada
        Victor Bell, Environmental Packaging, USA
        Jacques Fonteyne, ERRA, Belgium

Discussion points:
➤ Comparison of different EPR approaches used to address an industry sector, product, or waste stream.
➤ Identification of key elements or criteria in terms of the attributes (e.g., longevity, material content, existing consumer use and disposal patterns, etc.) or aspects of that industry sector, product, or waste stream that should be considered when designing an EPR programme.
➤ Identification of how different products, sectors or waste streams effect the design of an EPR programme.

12h30-14h00  Lunch
SESSION 3 - PLENARY
Types of EPR Approaches: Mandatory, Negotiated, or Voluntary

14h00-17h00

Objective: To examine the range of implementation methods for Extended Producer Responsibility policy

Moderator: Gary Davis, University of Tennessee

Panel: Masuru Tanaka, National Public Hygiene Institute, Japan
       Kees Clement, Ministry of Environment, Netherlands
       Presentation on Voluntary Approaches in the USA: Lynn Scarlett, Reason Foundation:
       Pat Layton, American Forest and Paper Association; and Allen White, Tellus Institute, USA

Discussion points:
➤ What is the range of mandatory, voluntary (including some government role), and negotiated approaches used for EPR?
➤ What are the key elements of each implementation method to consider? What attributes of a sector or product group make one approach more suitable?
➤ What are the specific opportunities, benefits and challenges of each approach?

15h15-15h45 Break

18h00 Reception
SESSION 4 - PLENARY
Economic Efficiency and Environmental Effectiveness of EPR – Practical Experience

09h00-12h30

Objective: To review the economic efficiency and environmental effectiveness of EPR programmes and to describe any analyses conducted prior or subsequent to implementation.

09h00-09h30 Overview Presentation: John Stutz, Tellus Institute, USA: *EPR and Costs*

Moderator: Thomas Lindhqvist, Lund University, Sweden

Panel: Ab Stevels, Philips Consumer Electronics, Netherlands
Karin Muenk, DSD, Germany
Margaret Walls, University of Victoria, New Zealand
Hiroo Urushi, Sophia University, Japan
Kjetil Roine, University of Science and Technology, Norway

Discussion Points:
➤ Describe the detailed cost elements of the programme?
➤ What environmental parameters were used to assess the environmental effectiveness? How were benefits defined (e.g. qualitative, quantitative, perceived, avoided costs, futuristic)?
➤ What are the measured benefits (both economic and environmental)?

10h30-10h45 Break

12h30-14h00 Lunch hosted by the OECD

SESSION 5 - WORKING GROUPS
Environmental and Economic Impacts of Varied Approaches to Different Sectors, Products or Waste Streams

14h00-17h00

Objective: To examine the economic efficiency and environmental effectiveness of various EPR programmes designed to address a particular industry sector, product group, or waste stream.

This session will consist of four working groups each addressing a particular industry sector, product, or waste stream (e.g., electronics and electrical appliances, cars, packaging, batteries or chemicals).

17h00-17h20 Break

17h20-18h00 Working Groups Report Back to Plenary
THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1998

SESSION 6 - PLENARY
Workshop Summary

09h00 - 11h30

Objective: To discuss the workshop summary prepared by the drafting group.

11h30-11h45 Break

SESSION 7 - PLENARY
Next Steps

11h45-13h00

Objective: To discuss the next workshop on the subject of waste minimisation and EPR and proposed agenda and describe the process for preparing the outcomes from this workshop.

Presentation: Claudia Fénérol, OECD

The workshop should end at around 13h00.