

## **CONAI increases the Environmental Contribution for the recycling of glass packaging**

*From 1 July 2019, it will increase from the current € 24.00/ton to € 27.00/ton.*

**Milan, 9 April 2019** – The CONAI Board of Directors, having heard the opinion of the Glass Recovery Consortium, has resolved to restructure the Environmental Contribution for glass packaging. This in order to ensure the financial resources necessary to achieve the packaging waste recycling/recovery objectives throughout the country.

The justification for the increase can be traced back to the extraordinary increase in separate collection of 155,000 tons recorded in 2017 (throughout the entire previous three-year period 2014-16 it had been 144,000 tons) which continued in 2018 and which saturated the national treatment capacity. The increase in the offer of quantities of glass packaging waste, not always of high quality, provided above all by the Southern regions, and the falling demand by treatment plants have led to a general contraction in auction prices. The combined effect of lower revenue from auctions and higher disbursements for amounts to be paid to Municipalities has led to the need to change the Environmental Contribution from 24 euros/ton to 27 euros/ton starting from 1 July 2019.

This change will have effect, with the same effective date, also on the Contribution through the flat-rate calculation on the weight of only packaging of imported goods (total weight without distinction by material) which will increase from € 64.00 to € 65.00/ton.

The rates to be applied to the total value of imports (in Euros) for packaged food products (0.16%) and for packaged non-food products (0.08%) will remain unchanged.

The CONAI-Supply Chain Consortia system and independent recyclers contributed to ensure the **recycling of 67.5% of packaging waste** in 2017, for a total of **8.8 million tons**.

The **CONAI Toll-Free Number 800-337799** is available to companies for any further information and clarification.

CONAI is the private, non-profit Consortium comprising of approximately 800,000 packaging producers and users which has the purpose of pursuing the legal objectives of recovery and recycling of packaging materials. In Italy, the Consortium constitutes a model of management, by a private entity, of a public interest: environmental protection, within a framework of shared responsibility among companies, public administration and citizens, ranging from production of the packaging to its end-of-life management. CONAI manages the activities and ensures the recovery results of 6 material Consortia: steel (Ricrea), aluminium (Cial), paper and cardboard (Comieco), wood (Rilegno) plastic (Corepla) and glass (Coreve).

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