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Sir/Madam,

I believe an inquiry is to be launched into this potential legislation. A 10c deposit on each container is a remarkably sensible idea. As a family we pride ourselves on NOT using or buying soft drinks or water, but regardless, we still end up with at least 6 containers in the recycling bin every week.

It must cost money and time to sort containers from other rubbish at recycling plants and a lot must slide through the process. There are people out there who could use collection of these containers to supplement incomes particularly in low income areas where one sees piles of bottles and tins in parks and around parking lots and blocks of flats.

In some countries one buys soft drinks or water in crates and returns crates of empty containers to shopping centres or bottle shops. It's quite possible and as unemployment rises, a few extra jobs could be created to facilitate the process. If the big suppliers can get full crates to the outlets they can fill their trucks going back to the manufacturing plants.

Good luck.

Yours truly,
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