

Position Paper - Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

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Valipac welcomes the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) initiative of the European Commission to put clear quantitative goals in reducing packaging waste, to strive towards harmonization across Europe, and to further promote circularity as a business model for packaging. Since 1998 Valipac is the Belgian not-for-profit eco-system acting as collective answer to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Commercial and Industrial Packaging (C&I), covering the large majority of the Belgian industry (85 % market coverage). Valipac today already reaches higher C&I recycling rates in Belgium than the PPWR proposes for 2030 in Europe. Valipac's ambition is to go even further in recycling and circularity, but the PPWR poses severe threats to its model. Unless the text is amended, the PPWR will provoke some detrimental unintended effects in recycling-levels and circularity for C&I-packaging in Belgium, thus impacting Belgium as European leader in circularity. Valipac aims to maintain the current ecosystem in Belgium in order to be able to retain higher levels of recycling and circularity than the PPWR aims for.

General remarks

- The proposed Regulation has been drafted within the context of household packaging (mostly sales packaging), with for the first time occasional references to C&I packaging (mostly grouped and transport packaging). However, C&I packaging is fundamentally different from household packaging with regards to e.g. the collection, sorting and recycling systems in place. Based on the Valipac experience, we strongly recommend the distinction between on the one hand 'sales packaging' and on the other 'grouped and transport packaging' when setting targets and defining criteria, and to specify whether the text applies to C&I packaging or not.
- In nearly all Member States the company using the packaging (the 'filler') and the importer of a packaged product have EPR responsibility and are the prime responsible entities in the recycling value-chain, while the entire value chain is co-responsible. The PPWR intends to switch this responsibility to the 'packaging producer', lifting the responsibility from the entire value chain (art. 40). This will result in a complete, complex and unnecessary change of the EPR system in most of the EU Member States, making it harder to achieve recycling targets at Member State level. Moreover, this will obstruct initiatives like Valipac who have a proven track record in recycling and circularity with an EPR-ecosystem of packers/fillers, their clients (companies that unpack the goods), the collectors, recyclers, traders and the producers of new packaging.



Mutualistic, multimaterial and multisector initiatives are obstructed by the PPWR, although they
have have a proven track record in realizing concrete recycling goals in Member States. This
obstruction is due to the fact that the PPWR sets targets on an individual level, instead of
collective level. The PPWR therefore ignores the economic and ecologic efficiency of a
mutualistic approach in setting up dedicated organizations to realize the PPWR-ambitions.

Essential Valipac PPWR-amendments:

- 1. Recital 20: to add definition: 'The assessment of packaging recyclability will take into account both the specificity of household sales packaging on the one hand and commercial and industrial grouped and transport packaging on the other hand.'
- 2. Recital 70: to delete. Setting reuse targets per economic actor would not be a very economic and ecologic effective approach to achieving sustainability goals. Reuse targets should be calculated at collective level (e.g. member state level) and not at individual level. In that case, no exception has to be made for smaller economic operators.
- 3. Art 3 (2). A distinction has to be made between consumer packaging and C&I-packaging since they differ completely. To add a definition: "household sales packaging' means packaging conceived so as to constitute a sales unit consisting of products and packaging to the final user er consumer at the point of sale; Extra definition: 'commercial and industrial sales packaging' means packaging conceived so as to constitute a sales unit consisting of products and packaging to the final user (other than consumer) at the point of sale'.
- 4. Art 3 (32). Packaging will be considered as recyclable if it is recycled at scale, i.e. if it is collected, sorted and recycled by 75% of the European Union population. This definition cannot be applied to C&I packaging waste since the collection occurs at individual companies. In other words, the population as such does not provide for a relevant criterion.
 We recommend to modify the definition of 'recycled at scale' as follows: 'recycled at scale' means that the packaging meets the requirements of Article 6 (2) and is accepted for recycling in the majority of the Member States, where the packaging is placed on the market.
- 5. Art 6 (3). Separate **Design for recycling** (D4R) guidelines have to be established for household packaging and C&I packaging. D4R guidelines for C&I packaging have already been developed and agreed by different EPR systems in Europe (https://valipac.academy/les-modules/le-choix-demballages-durables/design4recycling-guidelines/)

 We recommend to base the D4R criteria for C&I packaging on what is already commonly applied by the EPR organizations in charge of C&I packaging or approved by international organizations as EPRO.
- 6. Art 26 (12 & 13). Given that some kinds of packaging within the broader category of C&I packaging cannot be totally cleaned; that others have contained toxic products; that reused packaging have to comply with food and safety standards or that for some products tailor-made packaging is needed, a rate of 100 % reuse is not technically feasible. Furthermore, a sufficient period of time should be granted in order to adapt the packaging machines. These adaptations are a necessary precondition for compliance with the new targets as regards re-use of



packaging. For products that are produced not on order but to stock and where the final destination is not known at the time of packaging, this obligation might create an additional logistic complexity.

We recommend to set a target of 95 % as of 2030 based on LCA analysis.

- 7. Art 26 (7, 12 & 13). Pails, intermediate bulk containers, drums and canisters are industrial sales packaging and not transport packaging.
 - We recommend to deleted them from Art 26 paragraphs 7, 12 and 13.
- 8. Art 27. Companies dealing with **reusable** C&I **packaging** are incorporated in a European or global network of suppliers and clients. As a result, pooling systems are active on European or global scale and the pools are managed on a global scale. The obligation as mentioned in annex XII to report the tonnage of packaging placed on the market for the first time can only be fully executed when it is also based on information of the global pooling systems by international pooling systems.
 - We recommend to calculate the targets as an average for all reusable packaging placed on the market on the territory of a Member State.
- 9. Art 38. **Waste prevention targets** have been set out per capita. This definition cannot be applied to C&I packaging waste since the collection occurs at individual companies. In other words, the population as such (at a general or individual level) does not provide for a relevant criterion.
 - We recommend to relate the C&I waste prevention targets to the evolution of the gross domestic product of the industry.
- 10. Art 40. Producers of packaging shall have EPR for the packaging they make available on the market for the first time within the territory of a Member State. In nearly all Member States the company filling the packaging with their product and the importer of a packaged product are the responsible entities. Changing this to the packaging producer would result in a complete change of the EPR system in most of the EU Member States provoking inefficiency in achieving the recycling targets at Member State level.

We recommend to delete "of packaging" from the first sentence of Art 40.

This position paper has been translated in a series of 40 amendments (see appendix).



Valipac offers companies since 1998 a collective response to the Extended Producer Responsibility for commercial and industrial packaging in Belgium. We are a multimaterial and multisector organization, covering the large majority of the Belgian industry. Our free-market based model allows us to achieve very high recycling rates (91.2%). Our mission is to facilitate the transition of C&I packaging to the circular economy, to reinforce circular design of packaging, to stimulate sorting in companies, to increase the traceability and evidence of recycling and to stimulate local recycling.

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Addendum

Why is commercial and industrial packaging different from household packaging?

Commercial and industrial packaging are used for several applications. They are sales, grouped and transport packaging, which means they have different functionalities than household packaging. The packaging waste generated varies greatly between individual companies in terms of volume, composition, collection frequency and technical specification (for instance in order to contain chemical products). This implies that companies need a tailor made collection service which is currently almost exclusively offered by private waste management companies.

Although the amount of one-way C&I packaging is almost equal to the amount of household packaging, its composition is fundamentally different, with much less complex materials and with carboard and wood as dominant materials. The C&I plastic packaging is mainly made of monomaterial LDPE, HDPE or PP compared to PET, HDPE and multi-layers in household context. This implies that C&I packaging is less complex than household packaging and almost all of it are recyclable.

Reusable packaging are also more common in the C&I context (especially wooden packaging or important volume packaging such as IBC's and drums).



Household and C&I packaging in Belgium in 2021 (one-way packaging without deposit system).



Ratio of single-use C&I packaging to reusable packaging put on the Belgian market.



Appendix to the Valipac Position Paper on the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation – Amendments Valipac

Amendment 1

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Designing packaging with the objective of its recycling, once it becomes packaging waste, is one the most efficient measures to improve the packaging circularity and raise packaging recycling rates and the use of recycled content in packaging. Packaging design for recycling criteria have been established for a number of packaging formats under voluntary industry schemes or by some Member States for the purpose of the modulation of extended producer responsibility fees. In order to prevent barriers to the internal market and provide industry with a level playing field, and with the objective to promote the sustainability of packaging, it is important to set mandatory requirements regarding the recyclability of packaging, by harmonising the criteria and the methodology for assessing packaging recyclability based on a design for recycling methodology at the Union level. In order to meet the objective set out in the CEAP that, by 2030, all packaging should be recyclable or reusable, in an economically viable manner, packaging recyclability performance grades should be established based on design for recycling criteria for packaging categories as listed in Annex II. However, packaging should comply with them only as of 1 January 2030 in order to give sufficient time to the economic operators to adapt.

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Justification

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Amendment 2

Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission In order to inform end-users about reusability, availability of systems for re-use and location of collection points as regards reusable packaging, such packaging should bear a QR code or other data carrier that provides such information. The QR code should also facilitate tracking and the calculation of trips and rotations. In addition, reusable sales packaging should be clearly identified at the point of sale.

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Justification

Labelling only makes sense for consumer packaging. QR codes cannot be applied on most grouped and transport packaging (cardboard boxes, stretch film, ...). Information on collection point, number of trips and rotations is either irrelevant for industrial and commercial packaging or can be obtained from the packer / filler of the packaging.

Amendment 3

Recital 55

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
When placing packaging on the market, every	When placing packaging on the market, every
importer should indicate on the packaging their	importer should indicate on the household
name, registered trade name or registered trade	sales packaging their name, registered trade
mark as well as their postal address and, where	name or registered trade mark as well as their
available, electronic means of communication	postal address and, where available, electronic
through which it can be contacted. Exceptions	means of communication through which it can
should be provided for in cases where the	be contacted. Exceptions should be provided for
packaging does not allow for such indications	in cases where the packaging does not allow for
	such indications
Justification	

Commercial & industrial sales packaging, grouped packaging and transport packaging are not conceived to be labeled.

Amendment 4

Recital 69

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Certain uses of single use transport packaging	Certain uses of single use transport packaging
formats are not necessary, as there is a wide	formats are not necessary, as there is a wide



range of well-functioning reusable alternatives. In order to ensure that such alternatives are effectively used, it is appropriate to require economic operators, when transporting products between different sites of the same economic operator or between the economic operator and the linked or partner enterprises, to use only reusable transport packaging with respect to packaging formats such as pallets, foldable plastic boxes, plastic crates, intermediate bulk containers, both rigid and flexible, or drums. The same obligation should, for the same reasons, apply to economic operators transporting products within one Member State

range of well-functioning reusable alternatives. In order to ensure that such alternatives are effectively used, it is appropriate to require economic operators, when transporting products between different sites of the same economic operator or between the economic operator and the linked or partner enterprises, to use only as much as possible reusable transport packaging with respect to packaging formats such as pallets, foldable plastic boxes, plastic crates, intermediate bulk containers, both rigid and flexible, or drums. The same obligation should, for the same reasons, apply to economic operators transporting products within one Member State

Justification

Given that some kinds of packaging within the broader category of commercial and industrial packaging cannot be totally cleaned; that others have contained toxic products; that reused packaging have to comply with food and safety standards or that for some products tailor-made packaging is needed, a rate of 100 % reuse is not technically feasible. For products that are produced not on order but to stock and where the final destination is not known at the time of packaging, this obligation might create an additional logistic complexity. Intermediate bulk container and drums are sales packaging and not transport packaging. They should not be mentioned under a consideration for transport packaging.

Amendment 5

Recital 70

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Achieving re-use and refill targets can be	Deleted
challenging for smaller economic operators.	
Therefore, certain economic operators should	
be exempted from the obligation to meet the	
packaging re-use targets if they place less than	
a certain volume of packaging on the market, or	
fulfil the definition of micro-company under	
Commission Recommendation 2003/36133, or	
have the sales area, including all storage and	
dispatch areas, under a certain surface limit.	
The power to adopt acts in accordance with	
Article 290 of the Treaty should be delegated to	
the Commission to establish re-use and refill	
targets for other products, to lay down further	
exemptions for other economic operators or to	
exempt specific packaging formats covered by	
the reuse or refill targets in case of severe	
hygiene, food safety or environmental issues	
preventing the achievement of these targets.	
Justification	

Setting reuse targets per economic actor would not be a very economic and ecologic effective approach to achieving sustainability goals. Reuse targets should be calculated at collective level (e.g. member state level) and not at individual level. In that case, no exception has to be made for smaller economic operators.



Recital 91

Text proposed by the Commission

To achieve an ambitious and sustained reduction in the overall packaging waste generation, targets should be laid down for the reduction of packaging waste per capita to be achieved by 2030. Meeting a target of 5 % reduction in 2030 compared to 2018 should entail an overall absolute reduction of approximately 19 % on average across the Union in 2030 compared to the 2030 baseline. Member States should reduce packaging waste generation by 10 %, compared to 2018, by 2035: this is estimated to reduce packaging waste by 29 % compared to the 2030 baseline. In order to ensure that the reduction efforts continue beyond 2030, a reduction target of 10 % from 2018, which would mean a reduction of 29 % compared to baseline, should be set for 2035 and, for 2040, a reduction target of 15 % from 2018, which means a reduction of 37 % compared to baseline should be established.

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Justification

This target cannot be applied to commercial and industrial packaging waste since the collection occurs at individual companies. In other words, the population as such (at a general or individual level) does not provide for a relevant criterion.

Amendment 7

Recital 92

Text proposed by the Commission

Member States may achieve these targets by economic instruments and other measures to provide incentives for the application of the waste hierarchy, including measures to be implemented through extended producer responsibility schemes, and by promoting the setting up and effective operation of systems for re-use and encouraging economic operators to offer the end users further possibilities to refill. Such measures should be adopted in parallel and in addition to other measures under this Regulation aiming at packaging and packaging waste reduction, such as requirements on packaging minimisation, re-use and refill targets, volume thresholds and measures to achieve the sustained reduction of consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags. A Member State may, while observing the general rules laid

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provisions set out in this Regulation, adopt		
provisions which go beyond the minimum		
targets set out in this Regulation.		

general rules laid down in the Treaty and complying with the provisions set out in this Regulation, adopt provisions which go beyond the minimum targets set out in this Regulation.

Justification

Refill targets can only be applied to consumers and not to professional end users.

Amendment 8

Recital 94

Text proposed by the Commission
In order to monitor that producers meet their
obligations relating to their financial, and
organisational obligations to ensuring the
management of the waste from the packaging
they make available for the first time on the
market of a Member State, it is necessary that a
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Justification

In accordance with the Market Surveillance Regulation and the concept of 'placing on the market' which means the first making available of a product on the European or national market.

Amendment 9

Recital 95

Text proposed by the Commission
The registration requirements should be
harmonised across the Union to the greatest
extent possible so to facilitate registration in
particular where producers make packaging
available in different Member States. In order to
ensure uniform conditions for the
implementation of the registration requirements,
the power to adopt implementing acts in
accordance with Article 291 of the Treaty should
be delegated to the Commission to lay down a
common format for registration in and reporting
to the register, detailing the data to be reported.

Amendment

The registration requirements should be harmonised across the Union to the greatest extent possible so to facilitate registration in particular where producers make packaging available place packaging on the market in different Member States. In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of the registration requirements, the power to adopt implementing acts in accordance with Article 291 of the Treaty should be delegated to the Commission to lay down a common format for registration in and reporting to the register, detailing the data to be reported.

Justification

In accordance with the Market Surveillance Regulation and the concept of 'placing on the market' which means the first making available of a product on the European or national market.



Recital 108

Text proposed by the Commission

As a specific packaging waste generation prevention measure, Member States should actively encourage the re-use and refill solutions. They should support the establishment of systems for re-use and refill and monitor their functioning and compliance with the hygiene standards. Member States are encouraged to take also other measures, such as setting up deposit and return systems covering reusable packaging formats, using economic incentives or establishing requirements for final distributors to make available a certain percentage of other products than those covered by re-use and refill targets in reusable packaging or through refill provided that such requirements will not result in fragmentation of single market and creation of trade barriers.

Justification

Refill targets concern household packaging only.

Amendment

As a specific household sales packaging waste generation prevention measure, Member States should actively encourage the re-use and refill solutions. They should support the establishment of systems for re-use and refill and monitor their functioning and compliance with the hygiene standards. Member States are encouraged to take also other measures, such as setting up deposit and return systems covering reusable packaging formats, using economic incentives or establishing requirements for final distributors to make available a certain percentage of other products than those covered by re-use and refill targets in reusable packaging or through refill provided that such requirements will not result in fragmentation of single market and creation of trade barriers.

Amendment 11

Recital 110

Text proposed by the Commission

Directive 94/62/EC requires the Commission to review the 2030 recycling targets for packaging with the view to maintaining or, if appropriate, increasing them. However, it is not yet appropriate to amend the targets set for 2030 as evidence shows that some Member States still have difficulties with meeting the existing targets. For this reason, measures encouraging manufacturers to place on the market more recyclable packaging, and thereby helping Member States to achieve the recycling targets, should be set up. In the future, more recyclable packaging, coupled with greater granularity of data on the packaging flows, should be reported to the Commission. That will enable the Commission to review the targets with the possibility of maintaining or increasing them. In order to take account of the effect of the measures aimed at improving the packaging recyclability, the review should not take place earlier than the envisaged general evaluation of the Regulation, i.e. 8 years after its entry into force. During that review, attention should also be paid to the possibility of introducing new

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targets on a more granular basis than the	targets on a more granular basis than the
current targets.	current targets.
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Justification

Better recyclable packaging does not fully give the guarantee that the packaging will be collected for recycling. Instead of that, Member States should invest in better collection schemes and stimulating the end users to sort their packaging waste.

For commercial and industrial plastic film packaging, the major factor influencing the recyclability is the degree of printing. This is not decided by the manufacturer but by the packer / filler. They will determine the recyclability of the packaging.

Amendment 12

Recital 116

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
As re-use means that no new packaging is	As re-use means that no new packaging is
placed on the market, reusable sales packaging	placed on the market, reusable sales packaging
that is placed on the market for the first time and	that is placed on the market for the first time and
wooden packaging that is repaired for re-use	wooden packaging that is repaired or
should be taken into account for the purposes of	reconditioned for re-use should be taken into
attaining the respective packaging recycling	account for the purposes of attaining the
targets. Member States should be able to use	respective packaging recycling targets. Member
this possibility to calculate adjusted level of	States should be able to use this possibility to
recycling targets by taking into account	calculate adjusted level of recycling targets by
maximum 5 percentage points of the average	taking into account maximum 5 percentage
share, in the preceding three years, of reusable	points of the average share, in the preceding
sales packaging placed on the market for the	three years, of reusable sales packaging placed
first time and reused as part of a system for re-	on the market for the first time and reused as
use.	part of a system for re-use.
Justification	<u> </u>

Justification

Limiting to sales packaging and wooden packaging is discriminatory. Reconditioning of drums and IBC's should also be taken into account.

Amendment 13

completely.

Article 3 - paragraph 2

so as to constitute a sales unit consisting of products and packaging to the final user or consisting	old sales packaging' means packaging ed so as to constitute a sales unit g of products and packaging to the final consumer at the point of sale;
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Article 3 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Text proposed by the Commission 'grouped packaging' means packaging conceived so as to constitute a grouping of a certain number of sales units at the point of sale whether the latter is sold as such to the end user or it serves only as a means to replenish the shelves at the point of sale or create a stock-keeping or distribution unit, and which can be removed from the product without affecting its characteristics;	'grouped packaging' means packaging conceived so as to constitute a grouping of a certain number of sales units at the point of sale whether the latter is sold as such to the end user or it serves only as a means to replenish the shelves at the point of sale or create a stock-keeping or distribution unit, and which can be removed from the product without affecting its characteristics; Extra definition 'household grouped packaging' means packaging conceived so as to constitute a grouping of a certain number of sales units at the point of sale whether the latter is sold as such to the end user consumer or it serves only as a means to replenish the shelves at the point of sale or create a stock-keeping or distribution unit, and which can be removed from the product without affecting its characteristics;
Justification	

Amendment 15

Article 3 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
'economic operator' means manufacturers,	'economic operator' means manufacturers,
suppliers of packaging, importers, distributors,	suppliers of packaging, importers, distributors,
final distributors, and fulfilment service	final distributors, and fulfilment service providers
providers;	and their authorized representatives;
Justification	
Authorized representatives have to be added to the definition in case of import of packaging / packaged product.	

A distinction has to be made between consumer grouped packaging and C&I grouped packaging since the packaging waste is generated in different locations (household vs companies).

Amendment 16

Article 3 - paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
'manufacturer' means any natural or legal	'manufacturer' means any natural or legal
person who manufactures packaging under its	person who manufactures places packaging or
own name or trademark, or has packaging	a packaged product under its own name or
designed or manufactured, and uses that	trademark, or has packaging designed or
packaging for the containment, protection,	manufactured, and uses that packaging on the
handling, delivery or presentation of products	market for the containment, protection,
	handling, delivery or presentation of products



under its own	name c	or trade	emark, [,]	without it
having been	placed c	n the	market	previously

under its own name or trademark, without it having been placed on the market previously;

Justification

In order to reliably calculate the recycling rates achieved per member state, it is important that the companies having EPR remain (1) the companies that package (or have packaged) their goods in order to place them within the member state, and (2) the companies that import packaged goods into the member state. An EPR system based on packaging producers is inefficient in the sense that producers who sell packaging to a company located in a member state have no idea where (in which member state) the packaging will become waste. Calculating recycling rates by member state will not give a credible reflection of reality.

Amendment 17

Article 3 – paragraph 10

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'producer' means any manufacturer, importer or
distributor, who, irrespective of the selling
technique used, including by means of distance
contracts as defined in Article 2(7) of Directive
2011/83/EU, makes available packaging for the
first time within a territory of a Member States
on a professional basis under its own name or
trademark;

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'producer' means any manufacturer, importer or distributor, who, irrespective of the selling technique used, including by means of distance contracts as defined in Article 2(7) of Directive 2011/83/EU, makes available packaging for the first time within a territory of a Member States on a professional basis under its own name or trademark:

'producer' means any natural or legal person established in a Member State that professionally manufactures, fills, sells or imports, and, irrespective of the selling technique used, including by means of distance contracts as defined in Article 2(7) of Directive 2011/83/EU, places packaging or a packaged product on the market of that Member State.

Justification

In order to reliably calculate the recycling rates achieved per member state, it is important that the companies having EPR remain (1) the companies that package (or have packaged) their goods in order to place them within the member state, and (2) the companies that import packaged goods into the member state. An EPR system based on packaging producers is inefficient in the sense that producers who sell packaging to a company located in a member state have no idea where (in which member state) the packaging will become waste. Calculating recycling rates by member state will not give a credible reflection of reality.

Amendment 18

Article 3 - paragraph 12

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
'importer' means any natural or legal person	'importer' means any natural or legal person
established within the Union who places	established within the Union a Member State
packaging, or a packaged product, from a third	who places packaging, or a packaged product
country on the Union market;	for the first time on the market within the
	territory of a Member State, from a third



country on the Union market, whether for distribution or for own consumption;

Justification

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Amendment 19

Article 3 - paragraph 32

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
recycled at scale' means collected, sorted and recycled through installed state-of-the-art infrastructure and processes, covering at least 75 % of the Union population, including packaging waste exported from the Union that meets the requirements of Article 47(5);	'recycled at scale' means means that the packaging meets the requirements of Article 6 (2) and is accepted for recycling in the majority of the Member States, where the packaging is placed on the market-collected, sorted and recycled through installed state-of-the-art infrastructure and processes, covering at least 75 % of the Union population, including packaging waste exported from the Union that meets the requirements of Article 47(5);

Justification

The definition of 'recycled at scale' cannot be applied to commercial and industrial packaging waste since the collection occurs at individual companies. In other words, the population ass such (at a general or individual level) does not provide for a relevant criterion.

Amendment 20

Article 6 - paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Recyclable packaging shall, from 1 January	Recyclable packaging shall, from 1 January
2030, comply with the design for recycling	2030, comply with the design for recycling
criteria as laid down in the delegated acts	criteria as laid down in the delegated acts
adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 and, from 1	adopted pursuant to paragraph 4 and, from 1
January 2035, also with the recyclability at scale	January 2035, also with the recyclability at scale
requirements laid down in the delegated acts	requirements laid down in the delegated acts
adopted pursuant to paragraph 6. Where such	adopted pursuant to paragraph 6. Where such
packaging complies with those delegated acts, it	packaging complies with those delegated acts, it
shall be considered to comply with paragraph 2,	shall be considered to comply with paragraph 2,
points (a) and (e).	points (a) and (e). Separate design for
	recycling criteria will be developed for
	commercial and industrial packaging and
	will be based on what is commonly applied
	by EPR organizations dealing with
	commercial and industrial packaging
Justification	



The composition of C&I packaging fundamentally different from household packaging, with much less complex materials and with carboard and wood as dominant materials. The C&I plastic packaging is mainly made of monomaterial LDPE, HDPE or PP compared to PET, HDPE and multilayers in household context. This implies that C&I packaging is less complex than household packaging and almost all of it are recyclable. Design for recycling criteria have to take into account the specific context of C&I packaging.

Amendment 21

Article 7 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the 0	Commission
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From 1 January 2030, the plastic part in packaging shall contain the following minimum percentage of recycled content recovered from post-consumer plastic waste, per unit of packaging:

- 30 % for contact sensitive packaging made from polyethylene terephthalate (PET) as the major component;
- (b) 10 % for contact sensitive packaging made from plastic materials other than PET, except single use plastic beverage bottles;
- (c) 30 % for single use plastic beverage bottles; (d) 35 % for packaging other than those referred
- to in points (a), (b) and (c).

Amendment

From 1 January 2030, the plastic part in packaging shall contain the following minimum percentage of recycled content recovered from post-consumer plastic waste, per unit of packaging calculated as an average for all such packaging material placed on the market on the territory of the Member State: 30 % for contact sensitive packaging made from polyethylene terephthalate (PET) as the major component;

- (b) 10 % for contact sensitive packaging made from plastic materials other than PET, except single use plastic beverage bottles;
- (c) 30 % for single use plastic beverage bottles;
- (d) 35 % for packaging other than those referred to in points (a), (b) and (c).

Justification

Setting targets for recycled content per unit of packaging would not be a very economic and ecologic effective approach to achieving sustainability goals, as it would not take into account the actual amount of waste generated by each unit of packaging. This is because recycled packaging does not always have the same amount of materials as the original packaging, so recycling a unit of packaging could generate more or less waste than producing the original packaging. Furthermore, recycled content targets do not take into account the overall sustainability of the packaging, such as its life span, overall environmental impact and recyclability. Focusing solely on recycled content may overlook other important aspects of packaging sustainability, which may lead to practices that are actually less sustainable.

The target should be calculated per material, to benefit from the collective approach and thus reaching the targets in the most efficient and ecological way.

Amendment 22

Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
From 1 January 2040, the plastic part in	From 1 January 2040, the plastic part in
packaging shall contain the following minimum	packaging shall contain the following minimum
percentage of recycled content recovered from	percentage of recycled content recovered from
post-consumer plastic waste, per unit of	post-consumer plastic waste, per unit of
packaging:	packaging calculated as an average for all
(a) 50 % for contact sensitive plastic packaging,	packaging material placed on the market on
except single use plastic beverage bottles;	the territory of the Member State:
(b) 65 % for single use plastic beverage bottles;	(a) 50 % for contact sensitive plastic packaging,
	except single use plastic beverage bottles;



Justification

Setting targets for recycled content per unit of packaging would not be a very economic and ecologic effective approach to achieving sustainability goals, as it would not take into account the actual amount of waste generated by each unit of packaging. This is because recycled packaging does not always have the same amount of materials as the original packaging, so recycling a unit of packaging could generate more or less waste than producing the original packaging. Furthermore, recycled content targets do not take into account the overall sustainability of the packaging, such as its life span, overall environmental impact and recyclability. Focusing solely on recycled content may overlook other important aspects of packaging sustainability, which may lead to practices that are actually less sustainable.

The target should be calculated per material, to benefit from the collective approach and thus reaching the targets in the most efficient and ecological way.

Amendment 23

Article 11 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
From [OP: Please insert the date = 42 months	From [OP: Please insert the date = 42 months
after the entry into force of this Regulation],	after the entry into force of this Regulation],
packaging shall be marked with a label	packaging shall be marked with a label
containing information on its material	containing information on its material
composition. This obligation does not apply to	composition. This obligation does not apply to
transport packaging. However, it applies to e-	commercial and industrial sales packaging,
commerce packaging.	grouped packaging and transport packaging.
	However, it applies to e-commerce packaging.
Justification	

Labelling only makes sense for consumer packaging. QR codes cannot be applied om most grouped and transport packaging (cardboard boxes, stretch film, ...)

Amendment 24

Article 12

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment	
By 1 January 2028, labels that enable the	By 1 January 2028, labels that enable the	
separate collection of each material specific	separate collection of each material specific	
fraction of packaging waste that is intended to	fraction of packaging waste that is intended to	
be discarded in separate receptacles shall be	be discarded in separate receptacles shall be	
affixed, printed or engraved visibly, legibly and	affixed, printed or engraved visibly, legibly and	
indelibly on all waste receptacles for collection	indelibly on all waste receptacles for collection	
of packaging waste	of packaging waste. This obligation does not	
	apply to grouped and transport packaging.	
Justification		
Labelling only makes sense for consumer packaging. Private waste management companies		

Amendment 25

Article 13 – paragraph 5

already identify all waste receptacles for collection of (packaging) waste.



Text proposed by the Commission

Manufacturers shall ensure that the packaging bears a type, batch or serial number or other element allowing its identification or, where the size or nature of the packaging does not allow so, that the required information is provided in a document accompanying the packaged product

Amendment

Manufacturers shall ensure that the **household sales** packaging bears a type, batch or serial number or other element allowing its identification or, where the size or nature of the packaging does not allow so, that the required information is provided in a document accompanying the packaged product

Justification

This only makes sense for consumer packaging and cannot be applied on most commercial and industrial packaging (cardboard, wood, stretch film, ...)

Amendment 26

Article 13 - paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Manufacturers shall indicate on the packaging or on a QR code or another data carrier their name, registered trade name or registered trade mark as well as the postal address, and where available, the electronic means of communication, where they can be contacted. Where that is not possible, the required information shall be provided as part of the information through the QR code referred to in Article 11(2) or the data carrier referred to in Article 11(4) or in a document accompanying the packaged product. The postal address shall

indicate a single point at which the manufacturer

can be contacted. Such information shall be

clear, understandable and legible.

Amendment

Manufacturers shall indicate on the **household sales** packaging or on a QR code or another data carrier their name, registered trade name or registered trade mark as well as the postal address, and where available, the electronic means of communication, where they can be contacted. Where that is not possible, the required information shall be provided as part of the information through the QR code referred to in Article 11(2) or the data carrier referred to in Article 11(4) or in a document accompanying the packaged product. The postal address shall indicate a single point at which the manufacturer can be contacted. Such information shall be clear, understandable and legible.

Justification

This only makes sense for consumer packaging and cannot be applied on most commercial and industrial packaging (cardboard, wood, stretch film, ...)

Amendment 27

Article 16 – paragraph 3

lext proposed by the Commission
Importers shall indicate on the packaging their
name and their registered trade name or
registered trade mark as well as the postal
address, and, where available, the electronic
means of communication, where they can be
contacted. Where that is not possible, the
required information shall be provided via the
data carrier or in a document accompanying the
packaged product. The contact details shall be
clear, understandable and legible.

Amendment

Importers shall indicate on the **household sales packaging** packaging their name and their registered trade name or registered trade mark as well as the postal address, and, where available, the electronic means of communication, where they can be contacted. Where that is not possible, the required information shall be provided via the data carrier or in a document accompanying the packaged product. The contact details shall be clear, understandable and legible.

Justification



This only makes sense for consumer packaging and cannot be applied on most commercial and industrial packaging (cardboard, wood, stretch film, ...)

Amendment 28

Article 26 - paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Economic operators using transport packaging	Economic operators using transport packaging
in the form of pallets, plastic crates, foldable	in the form of pallets, plastic crates and foldable
plastic boxes, pails and drums for the	plastic boxes , pails and drums for the
conveyance or packaging of products in	conveyance or packaging of products in
conditions other than provided for under	conditions other than provided for under
paragraphs 12 and 13 shall ensure that:	paragraphs 12 and 13 shall ensure that:
(a) from 1 January 2030, 30 % of such	(a) from 1 January 2030, 30 % of such
packaging used is reusable packaging within a	packaging used is reusable packaging within a
system for re-use;	system for re-use;
(b) from 1 January 2040, 90 % of such	(b) from 1 January 2040, 90 % of such
packaging used is reusable packaging within a	packaging used is reusable packaging within a
system for re-use.	system for re-use.
Justification	

The benefits of return logistics with actors outside the EU is not proven. Pails and drums are

industrial sales packaging and not transport packaging.

Amendment 29

Article 26 - paragraph 9

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Economic operators using transport packaging	Deleted
in the form of pallet wrappings and straps for	
stabilization and protection of products put on	
pallets during transport shall ensure that:	
(a) from 1 January 2030, 10 % of such	
packaging used is reusable packaging within a	
system for re-use;	
(b) from 1 January 2040, 30 % of such	
packaging used for transport is reusable	
packaging within a system for re-use;	

Justification

Reusable pallet wrappings and straps are not technically feasible nor justified from an economical and ecological point of view. Being the scope of the proposed Regulation to reduce the volume of waste and improve the circularity of packaging, having ambitious targets in terms of recycled content will fit into the scope, keeping the technical possibility of producing pallet wrapping and straps with recycled content, potentially in closed loop schemes pallet wrapping to pallet wrapping and straps to straps.

Amendment 30

Article 26 - paragraph 12

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
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Transport packaging used by an economic operator shall be reusable where it is used for transporting products:

- (a) between different sites, on which the operator performs its activity; or
- (b) between any of the sites on which the operator performs its activity and the sites of any other linked enterprise or partner enterprise, as defined in Article 3 of the Annex to Commission Recommendation 2003/361, as applicable on [OP: Please insert the date = the date of entry into force of this Regulation]. This obligation applies to pallets, boxes, excluding cardboard, trays, plastic crates, intermediate bulk containers, drums and canisters, of all sizes and materials, including flexible formats.

Transport packaging used by an economic operator shall be **for 95%** reusable where it is used for transporting products:

- (a) between different sites, on which the operator performs its activity; or
- (b) between any of the sites on which the operator performs its activity and the sites of any other linked enterprise or partner enterprise, as defined in Article 3 of the Annex to Commission Recommendation 2003/361, as applicable on [OP: Please insert the date = the date of entry into force of this Regulation] as of 2030.

This obligation applies to pallets, boxes, excluding cardboard, trays, plastic crates, intermediate bulk containers, drums and canisters, of all sizes and materials, including flexible formats.

Justification

Given that some kinds of packaging within the broader category of commercial and industrial packaging cannot be totally cleaned; that others have contained toxic products; that reused packaging have to comply with food and safety standards or that for some products tailor-made packaging is needed, a rate of 100 % reuse is not technically feasible. The benefits of return logistics with actors outside the EU are moreover not proven. Intermediate bulk containers, drums and canisters are industrial sales packaging and not transport packaging.

The entry into force should be delayed according to the targets set out under Art 26 (7) to (10).

Amendment 31

Article 26 - paragraph 13

Text proposed by the Commission Amendment Economic operators delivering products to Economic operators delivering products to another economic operator within the same another economic operator within the same Member State shall use only reusable transport Member State shall use only 95% of reusable packaging for the purpose of the transportation transport packaging for the purpose of the of such products. transportation of such products as of 2030. This obligation applies to pallets, boxes, This obligation applies to pallets, boxes, excluding cardboard, plastic crates, intermediate excluding cardboard, plastic crates, intermediate bulk containers, and drums, of all sizes and bulk containers, and drums, of all sizes and materials, including flexible formats. materials, including flexible formats.

Justification

Given that some kinds of packaging within the broader category of commercial and industrial packaging cannot be totally cleaned; that others have contained toxic products; that reused packaging have to comply with food and safety standards or that for some products tailor-made packaging is needed, a rate of 100 % reuse is not technically feasible. Intermediate bulk containers and drums are industrial sales packaging and not transport packaging.

The entry into force should be delayed according to the targets set out under Art 26 (7) to (10).

Amendment 32

Article 26 - paragraph 14



Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Economic operators shall be exempted from the obligation to meet the targets in paragraphs 2 to 10 if, during a calendar year, they: (a) placed not more than 1000 kg of packaging on the market; or (b) complied with the definition of microcompany in accordance with rules set out in the	Deleted
Commission Recommendation 2003/361, as applicable on [OP: Please insert the date = the date of entry into force of this Regulation].	

Justification

Setting reuse targets per economic actor would not be a very economic and ecologic effective approach to achieving sustainability goals. Reuse targets should be calculated at member state level and not at individual level. In that case, no exception has to be made for small companies.

Amendment 33

Article 26 - paragraph 15

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Economic operators shall be exempted from the obligation to meet the targets in paragraphs 2 to 6 if, during a calendar year, they have a sales area of not more than 100 m2, including also all storage and dispatch areas.	Deleted
Justification	

Setting reuse targets per economic actor would not be a very economic and ecologic effective approach to achieving sustainability goals. Reuse targets should be calculated at member state level and not at individual level. In that case, no exception has to be made for small companies.

Amendment 34

Article 27 – paragraph 3

(12) and (13) should not be covered.

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
For the purpose of demonstrating the attainment	For the purpose of demonstrating the attainment
of the targets laid down in Article 26(7) to (10),	of the targets laid down in Article 26(7) to (10
the economic operator using such packaging	13), the economic operator using such
shall calculate, for each target separately, the	packaging shall calculate, for each target
following:	separately, the following:
(a) the number of equivalent units of each of the	(a) the number of equivalent units of each of the
packaging formats listed in Article 26(7) to (10)	packaging formats listed in Article 26(7) to (40
constituting reusable packaging within a system	13) constituting reusable packaging within a
for re-use they used in a calendar year;	system for re-use they used in a calendar year;
(b) the number of equivalent units of each of the	(b) the number of equivalent units of each of the
packaging formats listed in Article 26(7) to (10),	packaging formats listed in Article 26(7) to (10
other than those indicated in point (a), that they	13), other than those indicated in point (a), that
used in a calendar year.	they used in a calendar year.
Justification	
Within the context of calculation reuse targets at a	a collective level, there is no justification why (11),



Article 27 - paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
By 31 December 2028, the Commission shall	By 31 December 2028, the Commission shall
adopt implementing acts establishing detailed	adopt implementing acts establishing detailed
calculation rules and methodology regarding the	calculation rules and methodology regarding the
targets set out in Article 26.	targets set out in Article 26.
The implementing act shall be adopted in	The implementing act shall be adopted in
accordance with the examination procedure	accordance with the examination procedure
referred to in Article 59(3).	referred to in Article 59(3).
	The targets set out in Article 26 shall be calculated as an average for all reusable
	packaging placed on the market on the
	territory of the Member State.

Justification

Setting reuse targets per economic actor would not be a very economic and ecologic effective approach to achieving sustainability goals. Reuse targets should be calculated at collective level (e.g. member state level) and not at individual level. In that case, no exception has to be made for small companies.

Amendment 36

Article 28 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
The economic operators referred to in Article	The economic operators referred to in Article
26(1) to (10) shall report to the competent	26(1) to (10 13) shall report to the competent
authority, referred to in Article 35 of this	authority, referred to in Article 35 of this
Regulation, data concerning the attainment of	Regulation, data concerning the attainment of
the targets laid down in Article 26 for each	the targets laid down in Article 26 for each
calendar year.	calendar year.
Justification	
Within the context of calculation reuse targets at a collective level, there is no justification why (11),	
(12) and (13) should not be covered.	

Amendment 37

Article 35 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Member States shall designate one or more competent authorities responsible for implementation and enforcement of the obligations set out in this Chapter and in Article 26(1) to (10), Article 27, Article 28 and Article 29.	Member States shall designate one or more competent authorities responsible for implementation and enforcement of the obligations set out in this Chapter and in Article 26(1) to (40 13), Article 27, Article 28 and Article 29.
Justification Within the context of calculation reuse targets at a collective level, there is no justification why (11), (12) and (13) should not be covered	



Article 38 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Each Member State shall reduce the packaging	Each Member State shall reduce the packaging
waste generated per capita, as compared to the	waste generated per capita , as compared to the
packaging waste generated per capita in 2018	packaging waste generated per capita in 2018
as reported to the Commission in accordance	as reported to the Commission in accordance
with Decision 2005/270/EC, by	with Decision 2005/270/EC, by
(a) 5 % by 2030;	(a) 5 % by 2030;
(b) 10 % by 2035;	(b) 10 % by 2035;
(c) 15 % by 2040.	(c) 15 % by 2040.
	Prevention targets for grouped packaging
	and transport packaging will be related to
	the evolution of the gross domestic product
1 100	of the industry.

Justification

This target cannot be applied to commercial and industrial packaging waste since the waste generated is related to the industrial activity and not to the growth of the population. In other words, the population as such (at a general or individual level) does not provide for a relevant criterion.

Amendment 39

Article 40 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Producers of packaging shall have extended	Producers of packaging as defined in Art 3
producer responsibility under the schemes	(10) shall have extended producer responsibility
established in accordance with Articles 8 and 8a	under the schemes established in accordance
of Directive 2008/98/EC and with this Section for	with Articles 8 and 8a of Directive 2008/98/EC
the packaging that they make available on the	and with this Section for the packaging that they
market for the first time within the territory of a	make available on the market for the first time
Member State.	within the territory of a Member State.
Justification	_

Justification

In order to reliably calculate the recycling rates achieved per member state, it is important that the companies having EPR remain (1) the companies that package (or have packaged) their goods in order to place them within the member state, and (2) the companies that import packaged goods into the member state. An EPR system based on packaging producers is inefficient in the sense that producers who sell packaging to a company located in a member state have no idea where (in which member state) the packaging will become waste. Calculating recycling rates by member state will not give a credible reflection of reality.

Amendment 40

Article 45 - paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission	Amendment
Member States shall take measures to	Member States shall take measures to
encourage the set-up of systems for re-use of	encourage the set-up of systems for re-use of
packaging and systems for refill in an	household sales packaging and systems for
environmentally sound manner. Those systems	refill in an environmentally sound manner.
shall comply with the requirements laid down in	Those systems shall comply with the
Articles 24 and 25 and Annex VI of this	requirements laid down in Articles 24 and 25



Regulation and shall not compromise food hygiene or the safety of consumers	and Annex VI of this Regulation and shall not compromise food hygiene or the safety of consumers
Justification This obligation is only relevant for household packaging.	