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New Packaging Targets

New UK Packaging Targets – 2011 to 2012

DEFRA have published the new packaging targets for 2011 and 2012 which are set for a total **recovery rate of 74%** and total **recycling rate of 68.1%**. These new targets will help to ensure the UK is on track to comply with the EU Packaging Directive.



Make sure you stay ahead of these changes with our simple packaging regulations guide and tips below!

Legislation

The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations – applies to all businesses that produce packaged products, design or specify packaging, import packaged goods into the UK, sell packaged goods or filled packaging or place packaged goods on the market.

Producer Responsibility Obligations – applies to businesses who handle more than 50 tonnes per year of packaging and who also have an annual turnover of more than £2 million.

Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations	Producer Responsibility Obligations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimise packaging weight and volume (subject to safety, hygiene & consumer acceptance).• Ensure packaging can be recovered. Some or all must be able to be recycled, reused, composted or energy from waste.• Produce packaging that is re-useable by increasing durability.• Minimise environmental impact after disposal• Minimise levels of hazardous substances• Make sure levels of cadmium, lead, mercury and hexavalent chromium or any combination of these does not exceed 100 parts per million by weight of the whole unit• Keep records for at least 4 years	<p>In addition to the regulations outlined in the Essential Requirements you must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register with your environmental regulator.• Pay for the recovery and recycling of certain amounts of packaging waste• Provide evidence to your environmental regulator using electronic packaging recovery notes – ePRNs or ePERNs for exported packaging.• Provide information to customers about the reuse, recovery and recycling of packaging as well as the collection facilities available

(Netregs, 2010)

For more information and a detailed guide to packaging and other environmental regulations visit NetRegs: www.netregs.gov.uk

Packaging Waste Tips

Here are a few ideas that will help you comply with the Packaging Regulations whilst reducing costs and unnecessary waste.

Reduce

- When ordering stock buy in bulk to reduce packaging waste.
- Try to source products which are not over-packaged or which use packaging that does not comply with the above regulations, for example, containing hazardous substances.
- Try to minimise the amount of materials used to package your goods.



Reuse

- Create a storage area for re-usable packaging such as cardboard boxes, polystyrene filler, jiffy bags, jars, envelopes etc.
- Try to reuse packaging where possible.
- Shred old paper to use as packing / filler.

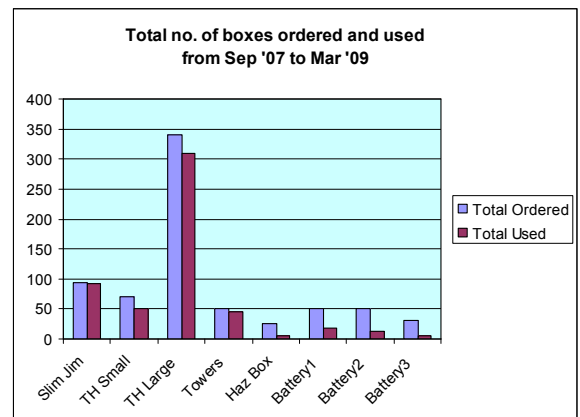
Recycle



- Use packaging which is made of recyclable or biodegradable materials such as cardboard and which can be easily reused.
- Try to source packaging made from recycled materials.
- Ensure that any packaging which can no longer be reused is recycled where possible.

Record

- Make a note of the measures in place to reduce, reuse and recycle packaging.
- Keep a record of any purchases such as boxes and any waste collections from your carrier - Waste Transfer Notes (these should be kept for at least two years).
- Try to keep track of how much packaging is used and review progress every few months.
- Keep all this information for at least four years. It will also form a vital part of your EMS (Environmental Management System), which demonstrates your company's commitment to reduce its environmental impacts.



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