

Republic of Latvia

Cabinet

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## **Regulations Regarding Volumes and Time Periods for Recovery of Packaging Waste, Procedures for Submission of Reports and Model Forms of Reports**

*Issued pursuant to Section 7; Section 13, Paragraph two; Section 15, Paragraph two and Section 19, Paragraph three of the Packaging Law*

1. These Regulations prescribe:

1.1. the types of packaging and materials to which exceptions in relation to heavy metal content may be applied, as well as the time periods in which the relevant exceptions may be applied;

1.2. the percentage volume of all packaging waste and various types of packaging that is to be utilised for recovery, as well as the time periods in which the specified volume is to be recovered;

1.3. the volume of packaging waste utilised in one calendar year at the reaching of which a packer and a packaging management undertaking (company) have an obligation to register in the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development or an authorised authority thereof, to manage the packaging waste and provide a report on the volume and types of collection of packaging waste and resource recovery;

1.4. the procedures by which a report on the volume and types of packaging produced, exported or imported, and the volume and types of the collection of packaging waste and resource recovery shall be submitted, as well as the model form of the report.

2. The total content of lead, cadmium, mercury and chromium (VI) (hereinafter – heavy metals) in glass packaging and packaging materials in the production process of which recyclable materials are added, but heavy metals are not utilised, may be up to 200 parts per million (ppm by weight), that is, up to 200 milligrams in one kilogram of packaging or the materials or components thereof.

3. A producer shall measure the contents of heavy metals in the production once a month in glass packaging and packaging material production facilities, which add the recyclable materials in the production process. If the content of heavy metals exceeds 200 parts per million (ppm by weight), that is, 200 milligrams in one kilogram of packaging or the materials or components thereof, the producer shall inform the State Environmental Impact Assessment Bureau specifying:

3.1. the content of heavy metals;

3.2. a description of the measuring methods utilised;

3.3. the possible reasons for exceeding the norms of heavy metal content; and

3.4. the measures performed in order to reduce the content of heavy metals (detailed description).

4. The results of measurements of heavy metal content and the description of measuring methods utilised shall be available to the regional environmental boards and the State Environment Inspection upon the request thereof.

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5. The percentage volume of all packaging waste and various types of packaging which is to be utilised for recovery by the packer, as well as time periods in which a specified amount shall be recovered are specified in Annex 1 of these Regulations.

6. If the volume of packaging waste in one calendar year is more than 300 kilograms, packers and packaging management undertakings (companies) have a duty to register in the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development or an authorised authority thereof within a time period of three months of the day when the referred to volume has been exceeded.

7. In order to register, packers and packaging management undertakings (companies) shall submit to the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development or an authorised authority thereof:

7.1. a copy of the registration certificate of the undertaking (company) concurrently presenting the original;

7.2. an application; and

7.3. packaging management undertakings (companies) shall, in addition to the documents referred to in Sub-paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2., submit notarised copies of the contracts with packers regarding management of packaging waste.

8. The authorities referred to in Paragraph 6 of these Regulations shall issue a statement regarding registration to packers and packaging management undertakings (companies).

9. By 1 May of the current year a report on the volume and types of packaging produced, exported or imported in the previous calendar year, as well as the volume and types of the collection of packaging waste and resource recovery shall be submitted to the regional environmental board or the State Environmental Impact Assessment Bureau. The report shall be submitted by:

9.1. packers and packaging waste management undertakings (companies) if the volume of packaging waste thereof in one calendar year is more than 300 kilograms, completing the form specified in Annex 2 of these Regulations; and

9.2. packaging producers (importers), completing the form specified in Annex 3 of these Regulations.

10. If the volume of packaging waste in one calendar year is more than 300 kilograms, packers and packaging management undertakings (companies) have a duty in 2002 to register by 31 December 2002.

11. These Regulations come into force on 1 July 2002.

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**Percentage Volume of All Packaging Waste and Various Types of Packaging Utilised for Recovery and Time Periods in which the Specified Volume is to be Recovered**

**1. Recovery Volumes of Packaging Material (Recycling and Energy Recovery) (%)**

**Table 1**

No.	Type of packaging material	31 December 2002	31 December 2003	31 December 2004	31 December 2005	31 December 2006	31 December 2007
1.	Paper, cardboard <sup>1</sup>	43	47	50	56	62	67
2.	Plastic <sup>2</sup>	9	11	12	15	18	21
3.	Metal	13	17	20	23	27	30
4.	Glass	19	22	25	28	32	35
	<b>Total for all materials</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>50</b>

**2. Recycling Volumes of Packaging Material (%)**

**Table 2**

No.	Type of packaging material	31 December 2002	31 December 2003	31 December 2004	31 December 2005	31 December 2006	31 December 2007
1.	Paper, cardboard <sup>1</sup>	43	47	50	53	56	59
2.	Plastic <sup>2</sup>	9	11	12	13	14	15
3.	Metal	13	17	20	23	27	30
4.	Glass	19	22	25	28	32	35
	<b>Total for all materials</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>45</b>

### 3. Volume of Energy Recovery from Packaging Materials (%)

**Table 3**

No.	Type of packaging material	31 December 2002	31 December 2003	31 December 2004	31 December 2005	31 December 2006	31 December 2007
1.	Paper, cardboard	0	0	0	3	6	8
2.	Wood	6	8	10	12	13	14
3.	Plastic <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	2	4	6

*Notes.*

1. The type of packaging material “paper, cardboard” in Tables 1 and 2 shall also include packaging from wood.

2. The type of packaging material “plastic” in Tables 1, 2 and 3 shall also include packaging from composite materials.

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**Volume and Types of Collection of Packaging Waste and Resource Recovery**

No.	Type of packaging material	Quantity of packaging purchased in Latvia (kg)	Quantity of packaging imported (kg)	Quantity of packaging exported together with goods (kg)	Quantity of packaging that waste generated (kg)	Quantity of re-usable packaging (kg)	Quantity of packaging that waste collected (kg)	Quantity of packaging exported for recycling (kg)	Quantity of packaging recycling in Latvia (kg)	Total volume of packaging recycling (%)	Quantity of packaging recovered (kg)	Volume of packaging recovered (%)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>1.</b>	<b>Primary and secondary packaging</b>											
1.1.	Glass packaging											
1.2.	Paper, cardboard, corrugated paper packaging											
1.3.	Plastic packaging, including:											
1.3.1	polyethylene terephthalate											
1.3.2	Other packaging											

1.4.	Composite materials											
1.5.	Metal packaging											
1.6.	Wood packaging											
1.7.	Other packaging											
	<b>TOTAL</b>											
<b>2.</b>	<b>Tertiary packaging</b>											
2.1.	Glass packaging											
2.2.	Paper, cardboard, corrugated paper packaging											
2.3.	Plastic packaging, including:											
2.3.1	polyethylene terephthalate											
2.3.2	Other packaging											
2.4.	Composite materials											
2.5.	Metal packaging											
2.6.	Wood packaging											
2.7.	Other packaging											
	<b>TOTAL</b>											

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**Volume and Types of Packaging Produced, Exported or Imported**

No.	Type of packaging material	Quantity of packaging produced and realised in Latvia (kg)	Quantity of packaging imported (kg)	Quantity of packaging exported (kg)
1	2	3	4	5
<b>1.</b>	<b>Primary and secondary packaging</b>			
1.1.	Glass packaging			
1.2.	Paper, cardboard, corrugated paper packaging			
1.3.	Plastic packaging, including:			
1.3.1	polyethylene terephthalate			
1.3.2	Other packaging			
1.4.	Composite materials			
1.5.	Metal packaging			
1.6.	Wood packaging			
1.7.	Other packaging			
	<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>2.</b>	<b>Tertiary packaging</b>			
2.1.	Glass packaging			
2.2.	Paper, cardboard, corrugated paper packaging			
2.3.	Plastic packaging, including:			

2.3.1	Polyethylene terephthalate			
2.3.2	Other packaging			
2.4.	Composite materials			
2.5.	Metal packaging			
2.6.	Wood packaging			
2.7.	Other packaging			
	<b>TOTAL</b>			

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