CHANGES DUE TO AMENDMENTS OF THE AUSTRIAN WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT (BGBLA_2021_I_200) AND THE AUSTRIAN PACKAGING ORDINANCE (BGBLA_2021_II_597)

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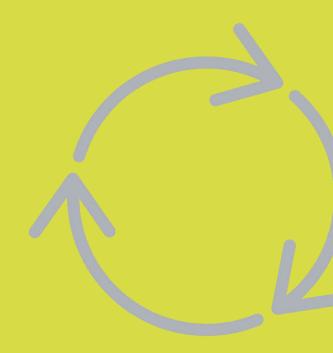
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THE COMPLIANCE SCHEME FOR PACKAGING

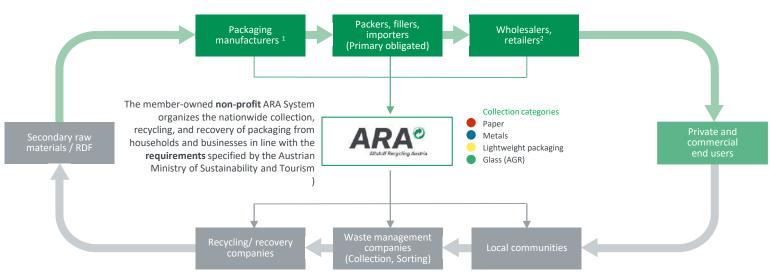
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PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING HOW DOES THE ARA SYSTEM WORK?

Companies obligated under the Packaging Ordinance transfer to ARA AG their obligation to take back used packaging.



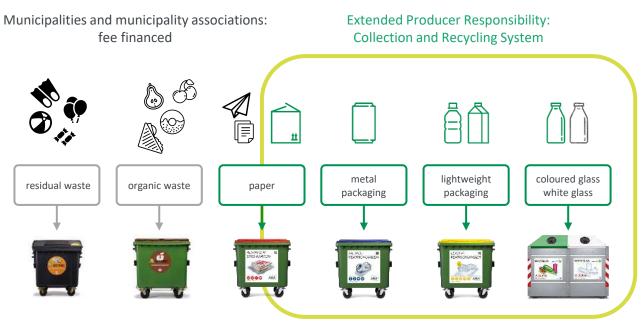
Cities, municipalities, and more than 200 waste management/ recycling companies perform collection, sorting, recovery and communication activities in 94 collection regions.

Primary obligated for service packaging
 Primary obligated für online/mail order selling





WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WASTE?





WHO IS OBLIGATED?

WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT PACKAGING ORDINANCE SINGLE USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS





WHO IS OBLIGATED?

The obligation for packaging is **still** held by the **"primary obligor"** according to **§ 13g AWG**:

- Packers, regarding their first use packaging
- Importers, regarding packaging of their imported goods and materials
- Manufacturers and Importers of service packaging (as well as single use dishes and cutlery)
- **Self-importers**, regarding packaging of goods and materials imported in order to operate one's own businesses
- Mail order operators based outside of Austria, who are selling packaged goods and materials to private customers and consumers in Austria via means of distance selling.
 - § 16b VVO iVm § 12b (1) AWG: as of 01.01.2023 obligatory appointment of an authorised representative
- § 12c (1) AWG: as of 01.01.2023: digital marketplaces must ensure compliance of all listed sellers

= Italian companies exporting from Italy to Austria



HOW TO COMPLY?

- 1. Contract & Authorised Representative
- 2. Submit Packaging Report
- 3. Submit Single-Use-Plastics Report
- 4. Submit Additional Reports



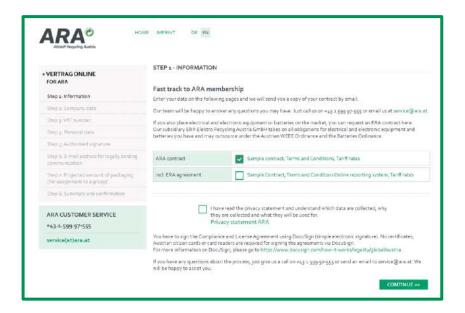
CONCLUSION OF AN ARA CONTRACT APPOINTING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE





ARA CONTRACT

- Until 22.12.2022 you can apply for a contract at https://online.ara.at/vertragonline/
- Contract starts 1.1.2022, unless you indicate it should start 1.1.2023
- After 22.12.2022: get-e-right concludes a contract on your behalf





TERMS OF REPORTING AND PAYMENT

Reporting intervals

on 15th of the month following each individual reporting period

- Annual report: up to 1.500 € ARA annual licensing fee
- Quarterly report: up to 20.000 € ARA annual licensing fee
- Monthly report: from 20.000 € ARA annual licensing fee

Term of payment

on 15th of the second month following each individual reporting period

Online reporting

can be easily done via ARA online platform: https://online.ara.at/

End-of-year report (not mandatory, only for necessary corrections) until 15.03. of following year (as database for audits by Packaging Coordination Board)



"REPRESENTATIVE" AS OF PACKAGING ORDINANCE

- As of Waste Management Act §13g, foreign entities cannot license goods and packing for the Austrian market without appointing an authorized representative in Austria.
- Italian company delivers to Austrian private consumers:
 - Obligated by the Packaging Ordinance to report
 - Authorised representative mandatory



- Italian company delivers to Austrian businesses:
 - Not obligated by the Packaging Ordinance to report





 BUT if you continue to report your packaging because of contractual obligations with your Austrian client, an authorised representative is mandatory



PACKAGING REPORTS





TARIFF CATEGORIES





1. CATEGORISE PACKAGING BY SIZE (HOUSEHOLD, COMMERCIAL)

– Small packaging (household):

Size $\leq 1.5 \text{ m}^2$, moulded containers: nominal volume $\leq 5 \text{ l}$, EPS $\leq 0.15 \text{ kg/sales}$ unit as well as sales packaging made of paper (no size requirements)

– Large packaging (commercial):

Size $> 1.5 \text{ m}^2$, moulded containers: nominal volume > 5 l, EPS > 0.15 kg/sales unit as well as tray foils made of plastic and transport packaging made of paper (no size requirements)

– Special rule (commercial):

disposable pallets, strapping bands and adhesive tapes



2. ALLOCATE PACKAGING TO DEFINED PRODUCT GROUPS

- Each individual product must be allocated to one of 47 product groups (AT 01 ... AT 47)
 as defined in the Packaging Classification Ordinance based on the GVM study.
- Shipping packaging (including filling material) are allocated to AT 32 "Mail Order Goods"
- Each product group has correction quota which (might) shift a percentage of household packaging to commercial packaging and vice-versa. These quota are applied if you report correctly in the ARA online report.



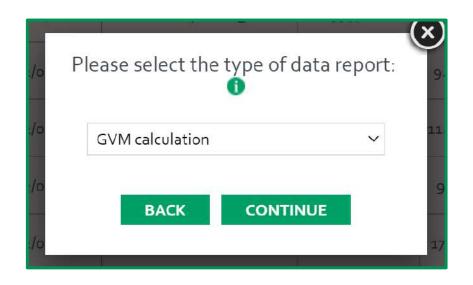
EXAMPLE



- Determine weight (kg) of
 - cardboard, paper household
 - foil and ribbon (< 1,5m²), plastic household
 - cardboard box (not shown), paper commercial
 - e-commerce: shipping packaging, household
- Allocate product groups
 - AT 09 Bakery goods
 - e-commerce: AT 32 Mail order goods for shipping packaging only
- AT 09: Weight per tariff category (kg) x piece
- AT 32: Weight per tariff category (kg) x piece



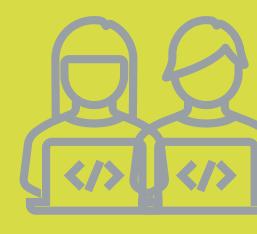
HOW TO SUBMIT A PACKAGING REPORT



Packaging material category	AT_og Bakery goods	AT_32 Mail order goods
1.01.0 Paper, household		
1.02.0 Glass, household		
1.03.1 Ferrous metal, household		
1.03.2 Aluminium, household		
1.04.1 Plastic, household		
1.04.2 Beverage cartons, household		
1.04.3 Other composite materials, household		
1.04.4 Ceramics, household		
1.04.5 Wood, household		
1.04.6 Textile fibres, household		
1.04.7 Biodegradable materials, household		



SINGLE-USE PLASTICS REPORTS





SINGLE USE PLASTICS DIRECTIVE

What must be reported:

Packaging: Single-use food and beverage packaging that contains plastic and whose contents are suitable for immediate consumption.

Products: Some disposable products that contain plastic.

The term "plastic" does not include:

Plastic-based paints, inks and adhesives, and natural polymers that have not been chemically modified.

Link to Guidelines (in Italian):

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/IT/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021XC0607(03)&from=EN



SUP "LITTERING" REPORT SINGLE USE PLASTIC PACKAGING

Masses in kg are to be reported by March 15th of following year

March 15th, 2023: only report for 2022, no payment

March 15th, 2024: report and payment for 2023 (and then annually)

Beverage cups

In addition, number of cups 100% and partially made of plastic



- In addition, number of food packaging 100% and partially made of plastic
- Bags and foil packaging made of flexible materials (up to 400g filling content)
- Beverage container (up to 3 litres)
 - PET-beverage bottles
 - other beverage bottles
 - other beverage containers (e.g., beverage cartons)











SUP "LITTERING" REPORT SINGLE USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS

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- wet wipes (impregnated tissues for body and household care, weight in moist condition)
- balloons
- tobacco products (with filter and filter sold in combination with tobacco products)
- fishing gear (for fishing, sea products)

From **2023** additionally:

Volumes of recyclate used in PET beverage bottles

From **2028**:

Volumes of recyclate used in single use beverage bottles



RIGID AND FLEXIBLE FOOD PACKAGING

Both rigid and flexible food packaging are subject to the SUP

- 1. service packaging
- 2. Take-away packaging e.g., for meals, sandwiches, sliced fruit, ready-made salads, unless service packaging
- 3. Small portion packaging up to 50g (e.g., ketchup, mustard, butter, jam)
- 4. Other rigid packaging up to max. 400g
- 5. Other flexible packaging up to max. 400g; including packaging that combines multiple servings (example: 4 chocolate bars of 100g in one packaging all packagings are included)



RIGID AND FLEXIBLE FOOD PACKAGING

Positive list structured according to the relevant GVM product groups (food): Lists products that are usually consumed from the packaging or are intended for this purpose and do not require any further preparation

AT_04 Dairy Products

AT_05 Preserved Food

AT 06 Frozen Food

AT_07 Confectionary, Snacks

AT 09 Bakery Goods

AT 10 Meat, Sausage

AT_12 Dry Goods, Other Food

AT_33 Service Packaging



HOW TO SUBMIT THE SUP REPORT



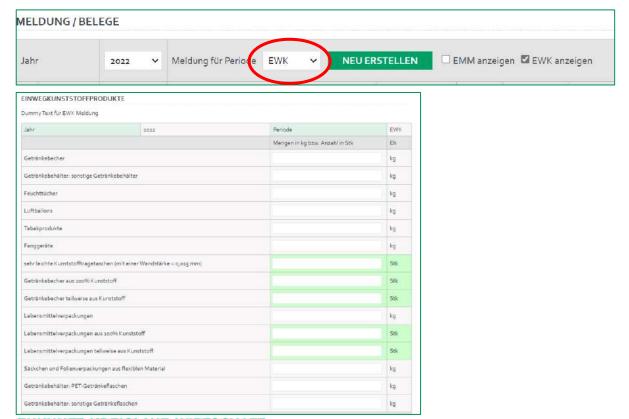
EWK = "Einwegkunststoffe"
= Single Use Plastics



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HOW TO SUBMIT THE SUP REPORT



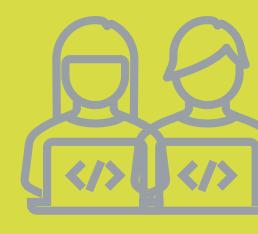


TO DO

- Mark all affected articles or packaging according to category (cups, foils, wet wipes...) in your database
- Determine the weight of packaging (cups, foils..) or products (wet wipes, balloons..) in kg
- Multiply the weights per category by the quantities placed on the market each year
- The report for 2022 is due by March 15th, 2023. In your ARA online report, click on the "EWK" box and report the kg (and sometimes the pieces) of the affected categories - no payment.
- The report for 2023 is due by March 15th, 2024. From then on, all EWK/SUP put on the Austrian market must be reported and paid for annually (tariffs have yet to be announced and will be shown in the online reporting platform).



EXTENDED QUANTITY REPORTS





EXTENDED QUANTITY REPORT (EMM)

Report until March 15th of the following year (for the first time for 2022), no payment, separately reported for household and commercial packaging:

Completed ARA via online notification (mostly filled in by ARA):

- 1. Masses of packaging placed on the market for the first time per tariff category
- 2. Masses of sales packaging put into circulation for the first time per tariff category

Not yet clearly defined by Ministry (this is about reusable packaging purchased in the reporting year), but this only applies to some companies:

- 3. Volumes of reusable packaging placed on the market for the first time per tariff category
- 4. Volumes of reusable sales packaging put into circulation for the first time per tariff category
- 5. Masses of reusable packaging per tariff category based on circulation
- 6. Masses of reusable sales packaging per tariff category based on circulation
- 7. Volumes of unlicensed reusable packaging per packaging material (incl. recycler and recycling information)



HOW TO SUBMIT THE EMM REPORT





- = "Erweiterte Mengenmeldung"
- = Extended Quantity Report





HOW TO SUBMIT THE EMM REPORT



Jahr			2022			Periode		
Packstoffkategorie	erstmals in Verkehr gesetzte Verpackungen	erstmals in Verkehr gesetzte Verkaufsverpackungen	erstmals in Verkehr gesetzte wiederverwendbare Verpackungen	erstmals in Verkehr gesetzte wiederverwendbare Verkaufsverpackungen	Umlaufe pro Kalenderjahr	wiederverwendbare Verpackungen mal Umlauf je Kalenderjahr	wiederverwendbare Verkaufsverpackungen m Umlauf je Kalenderjahr	
	Mengen in kg							
1.01 o Papier Haushalt	75.298,709			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.02.0 Glas Haushalt	946.423,127			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.03.1 Eisenmetall Haushalt	76.930,407			0,000		0,000	0,000	
s.og.a Aluminium Haushalt	22.398,754			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.04.1 Kunststoff Haushalt	53,216,630			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.04.2 Getränkeverbundkarton Haushalt	1 197,140			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.04.3 Sonstige Materialverbunde Haushalt	164,417			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.04.4 Keramik Haushalt	0,000			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.04.5 Holz Haushalt	3.092,030			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.04.6 Textile Faserstoffe Haushalt	17,280			0,000		0,000	0,000	
1.04.7 Biogene Packstoffe Haushalt	4,608			0,000		0,000	0,000	
2.02.0 Papier Gewerbe	167.014,345	0,000		0,000		0.000	0,000	



IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS...

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