

Are you a producer of packaging?

Obligated packaging producers must register and meet their waste packaging recycling responsibilities.

Guidance is available here with a summary of the guidance below: [Extended producer responsibility for packaging: who is affected and what to do - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

If your business or organisation produces or uses packaging, or sells packaged goods, you may be classed as an obligated packaging producer. Obligated packaging producers must follow rules which help to:

- reduce the amount of packaging produced in the first place
- reduce how much packaging waste goes to landfill
- increase the amount of packaging waste that is recycled

What counts as packaging?

Packaging is any material that is used to cover or protect goods that are supplied. It makes handling and delivering goods easier and safer. It includes anything that's designed to be filled at the point of sale, such as a coffee cup.

What do I need to do?

Firstly, check if the legislation applies to your business and how it applies, the legislation has different requirements for large and small businesses as well as those who hire out or loan reusable packaging.

If the legislation does apply then every year an obligated packaging producer must:

- register as a packaging producer by 7 April – you can do this here: [Report packaging data](#)
- meet their recycling obligation
- obtain evidence of compliance
- submit a certificate of compliance (CoC) by 31 January the following year

What happens if I fail to comply with the regulations?

If you do not comply with the regulations a fine could be issued.

Where can I get help?

Guidance produced by the Environmental Agency is available here: [National Packaging Waste Database \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](#)

The full legislation is available here: [The Producer Responsibility Obligations \(Packaging Waste\) Regulations 2007 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

Businesses should also be aware they have responsibilities for disposal of business or commercial waste guidance is available here: [Dispose of business or commercial waste: Your responsibilities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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I hope this guidance has been useful, further business support information can be found here: [Better Business For All | Hertfordshire LEP](#)