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Dear Sir / Madam

The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 (as amended)

We have identified that your business may need to comply with the above legislation.

Do I need to register?

'Packaging' is any material used to hold, protect, handle, deliver and present goods. This covers the whole packaging supply chain from the raw material to the finished goods.

You are an 'obligated' packaging producer if you, or a UK group of companies:

- handle 50 tonnes of packaging materials or packaging in the previous calendar year, AND
- have a turnover of more than £2 million a year (based on the last set of audited financial year's accounts)

'Handling' means that you:

- carry out one or more of the activities below or have these activities carried out on your behalf
- own the packaging on which the activities are carried out
- supply packaging or packaging materials at any stage in the chain or to the final user of the packaging

Packaging activities:

- Raw material manufacture- Produce raw materials for packaging manufacture
- Packaging conversion - Convert raw materials into packaging
- Packing/filling - Put goods into packaging or put packaging around goods
- Selling - Supply packaging to the end user
- Importing - Import packaged goods or packaging materials from outside the UK (includes raw materials that will become packaging, for example, plastic pellets used to make bottles)
- Service provider - A business that supplies packaging by hiring it out or lending it

How do I calculate my packaging handled?

To work out if you handle 50 tonnes of packaging or more in the previous calendar year, you must include packaging relating to the above activities. However, do not include packaging or packing material you export or give to someone else to export.

If you are a UK holding company with one or more subsidiaries that handle packaging, then you are a group and must combine all your yearly turnovers and weights of packaging handled to see if you are an obligated packaging producer.

What do I need to do now?

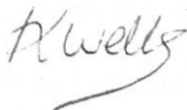
If you meet the above criteria, then you must register as a producer annually by 7 April under the above Regulations. You can either register directly with the Environment Agency or a Compliance Scheme.

If you believe you are not obligated, please tell us by contacting us at packaging@environment-agency.gov.uk. We will keep a record of your response as part of our duty to ensure that all producers are registered.

If you are a producer and you are not registered you are committing an offence. We would urge you to comply with the legislation.

For further information on the Packaging Waste Regulations, please visit, <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/producer-responsibility-regulations>. email packaging@environment-agency.gov.uk or call 02084 747 609 and ask to speak to a member of the Packaging Waste Team.

Yours faithfully



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