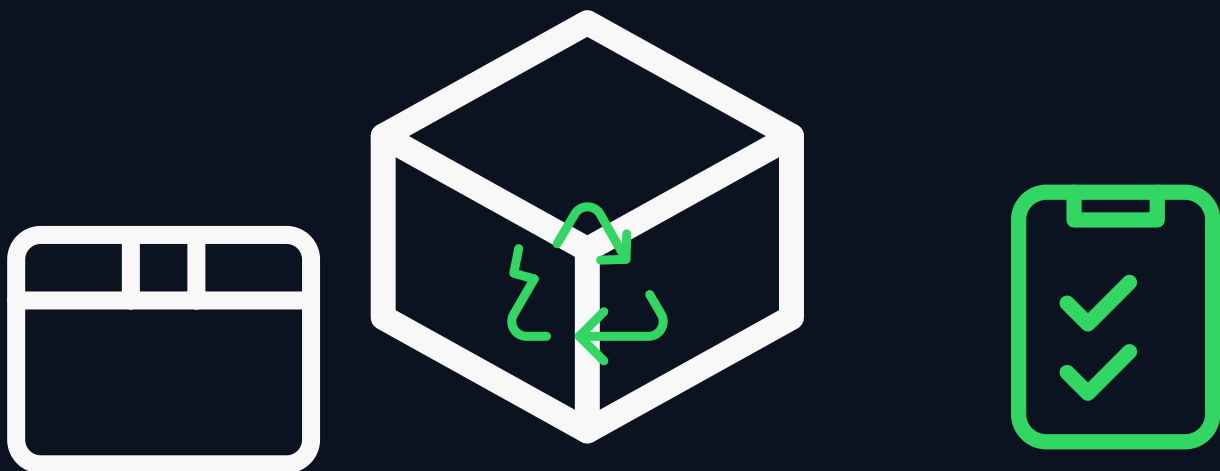


EU Packaging Guide 2026 for Online Shops

What applies, what's coming – and where you have (almost) nothing to report

All 27 EU countries · with sources · As of October 2026



The short version



11.02.2025

EU Packaging Regulation (PPWR, Regulation (EU) 2025/40) enters into force.



12.08.2026

It applies. Registration in every country you ship to, quantity reports and fees. Producers from other countries usually need an authorised representative (a suspension for SMEs is being discussed but has not been decided).



12.08.2028 at the earliest

Harmonised material pictogram on packaging – including shipping boxes.



01.01.2030 at the earliest

At most 50 % empty space in shipping packaging, minimum recycled content for plastic, packaging must be recyclable.



“At the earliest”: the exact date depends on EU implementing acts that have not yet been adopted.

Where you have (almost) nothing to report – Part 1

Netherlands | **under 50,000 kg**
per year: no registration, no declaration, no fee.

Poland | **up to 1 t**
per year: no product fee, only a short declaration by 15.03.

Slovakia | **under 100 kg**
per year: no authorised representative needed, registration remains.

Austria | **up to 1,500 kg**
per year: flat fee of €150 instead of quantity reports (ARA).

France | **under 10,000**
units sold (products + shipping boxes): flat fee of €110 (Citeo).

Where you have (almost) nothing to report – Part 2

Belgium

Online retailers report by number of parcels: €0.08–0.28 per parcel, at least €100 per year.

Italy

Up to €200,000 turnover in the previous year: exemption via the turnover flat rate (CONAI).

Cyprus

Flat fee by quantity, e.g. €100 per year up to 1 t.

Portugal

Up to 20 t per year: simplified declaration, minimum fee €120.

Czechia

Shipping boxes count as transport packaging and are considerably cheaper.

Denmark

Under 8 t per year: report the total quantity only.



Whether a relief applies depends on your actual quantities.

27 countries at a glance

Country	Reporting body	Reporting frequency
Austria	ARA	annually to monthly, depending on fee
Belgium	Fost Plus	annually (by 28.02.)
Bulgaria	Recovery organisation / PUDOOS	monthly
Croatia	FZOEU	monthly (by the 20th)
Cyprus	Green Dot	annually (by end of February)
Czechia	EKO-KOM	quarterly
Denmark	Dansk Producentansvar	annually (by 31.05.)
Estonia	Eesti Pakendiringlus	per contract
Finland	RINKI	annually (January)
France	Citeo	annually (January–February)
Germany	LUCID + dual system	planned and annual quantities
Greece	HERRCo	annually (by 15.01.)
Hungary	Waste authority / MOHU	quarterly (by the 20th)
Ireland	Repak	half-yearly

27 countries at a glance ^(2/2)

Country	Reporting body	Reporting frequency
Italy	CONAI	depending on contribution amount
Latvia	Scheme operator / VID	quarterly (by the 20th)
Lithuania	GPAIS	quarterly + annually
Luxembourg	Valorlux	annually (by 28.02.)
Malta	ERA / GreenPak	not public
Netherlands	Verpact	annually (before 01.04.)
Poland	BDO	annually (by 15.03.)
Portugal	Ponto Verde + APA	annually (by 15.03.)
Romania	AFM	monthly (by the 25th)
Slovakia	Organisation (OZV)	quarterly
Slovenia	DROE	quarterly
Spain	MITECO + Ecoembes	annually (by 31.03.)
Sweden	NPA	quarterly (by the 25th)

Ready for 2030 – your checklist



Empty space in the shipping box at most 50 % – void fill such as paper or air cushions counts as empty space. If you ship a product in its own sales packaging, the limit does not apply.



Know the recycled content of your plastic parts – for cosmetics 30 % (PET) or 10 % (other plastics), otherwise 35 %. Parts under 5 % of the packaging weight are exempt.



Mono-material instead of composites – that makes recycling easier.



Record labels and void fill as separate components.



Prepare marking with the material pictogram.



The 5 most common mistakes of small shops

1. Forgetting the shipping box – it counts too.

2. Not recording labels and void fill.

3. Not knowing the material type (e.g. which plastic) – this leads to wrong categories and fees.

4. Reporting only in Germany although you ship to other EU countries.

5. Missing deadlines – every country has its own.

How Pack2EU takes this off your hands

- 1 Packaging data for your products automatically – even for thousands of items.
- 2 Reporting aid for all 27 countries, in the format of each reporting body.
- 3 Reliefs checked against your real quantities.
- 4 Box check for 2030 and recycling codes on the e-ticket.

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Sources and note

Based on: EU Packaging Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2025/40) and the laws, tariff sheets and guidelines of the reporting bodies (incl. Verpact, Fost Plus, ARA, Citeo, CONAI, Ponto Verde, Green Dot Cyprus, EKO-KOM, Dansk Producentansvar, RINKI). All links are on pack2eu.global.

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