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Amendment of the Austrian packaging ordinance 2021

We have compiled the most important changes as a result of the packaging ordinance below:

- Innovations and changes in the definitions (§ 3), such as:
 - o Fishing gear
 - o Tobacco products
 - o Biodegradable plastic
 - o Etc.
- Requirements for packaging and avoidance of packaging waste (§ 4)
 - o From January 1st 2030, only plastic packaging that can either be reused or recycled is allowed to be placed on the market
 - o From July 3rd 2024, the closures and lids of single-use plastic beverage containers must be firmly attached to them -> [EU Single-Use Plastics Directive](#)
 - o From 2025, mandatory quota of 25% recycled material usage in PET beverage bottles
 - o From 2030, mandatory quota of 30% recycled material usage in all single-use plastic beverage bottles
- Manufacturers of wet wipes, balloons, tobacco products and maritime fishing gear have to bear the costs of cleaning campaigns, transport, treatment, as well as the costs of raising awareness and informing end consumers (§ 18a)
- New reporting obligations from 2022 (reporting on March 15th of the following year; i.e. first reporting on March 15th 2023) (§§ 9 and 13) for:
 - o Reusable packaging
 - o Sales packaging
 - o Single-use plastic products (§ 21a)
- Notification of the mass of the recycled materials used (§ 21a):
 - o From 2023: Recyclate content in PET beverage bottles
 - o From 2028: Recyclate content in all single-use plastic beverage bottles
- Mandatory system participation for commercial packaging from January 1st 2023 (§ 10)
Exception: Large accumulation points, own imports (packaging material from imported goods that are used for running ones own business)
- Mandatory system participation for certain single-use plastic products and maritime fishing gear from January 1st 2023 (§ 18a)
- From January 1st 2023, collection points of commercial packaging are obliged to collect packaging separately according to the defined collection categories and hand it over to collection and recovery systems (§ 14a).
- New requirements for owners of large collection points for the separate collection of packaging (§ 15)



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- Mandatory appointment of an authorized representative for foreign entities and distance sellers for packaging put on the market in Austria from January 1st 2023
- Mandatory appointment of an authorized representative for foreign manufacturers and distance sellers for (certain) single-use plastic products put on the market from January 1st 2023 (§ 16 a,b,c,d)

For further information please follow [Verpackungsverordnungs-Novelle](#) (in German only).

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