

## INFORMATION SHEET

### Differentiation between household and commercial packaging:

The AWG Packaging Amendment and the new Packaging Ordinance 2014 led to some major changes in packaging collection and packaging disposal. The relevant changes went into effect on 1 January 2015.

#### Changes for those responsible

➤ Definition of household and commercial packaging (§ 13h Waste Management Act = AWG)

Household packaging is considered packaging when it

- has the following size
  - a) an area up to 1.5 m<sup>2</sup> or
  - b) a nominal volume up to 5 liters or
  - c) with EPS (E polystyrene = "Styrofoam") a weight up to 0.15 kg per sales unit
- and are usually produced
  - a) in private households or
  - b) in companies that are comparable to households in terms of the packaging they produce.
- Sales packaging made of paper or cardboard (PPK), regardless of their size, are considered household packaging if they are produced in private households or comparable establishments.
- Service packaging, tote bags and knotted bags are generally considered as household packaging.
- Commercial packaging is all other packaging that is not explicitly considered as household packaging.
- Pallets, strapping and adhesive tapes are always considered commercial packaging.
- Deviating from the general classification (see above), Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK) can specify standardized, percentage allocations that are binding for all companies (industry solutions).

➤ Assignment of packaging to the product groups

- All packaging must be classified in the product groups specified in the draft of the Delimitation VO, on the basis of the GVM study (study by the Packaging Management Association).

➤ Application of correction rates per product group

- The regulation (AbgrenzungsVO) provides for corrections to the assigned tariff category for the respective household or commercial tariff.
- The mandatory percentage breakdown per product group of household and commercial packaging is given in the quota sheets in accordance with the Delimitation Regulation on the basis of the GVM study.
- An individual distribution channels analysis is no longer allowed.

➤ OVERVIEW OF PRODUCT GROUPS

Overview of the product groups according to the draft of the demarcation regulation packaging

Number	Designation of product groups
AT_01	Agricultural products
AT_02	Agricultural products for further processing
AT_03	Drinks
AT_04	Dairy products
AT_05	Canned food
AT_06	Frozen food
AT_07	Sweets, snacks
AT_08	Baking
AT_09	Baked goods
AT_10	Meat, sausage, fish, poultry
AT_11	Coffee, tea, cocoa
AT_12	Dry products, others foods
AT_13	Tobacco
AT_14	House pets
AT_15a	Agricultural needs for agricultural use
AT_15b	Agricultural needs for home and garden
AT_16a	Plant protection products for agricultural use
AT_16b	Plant protection products for home and garden
AT_17a	Construction chemicals
AT_17b	Construction materials
AT_17c	Construction elements, construction installation
AT_18a	Floor coverings
AT_18b	Electrical, pneumatic and other operated tools
AT_18c	Home improvement and gardening
AT_19	Surface treatment
AT_20a	Lubricants
AT_20b	Fuels
AT_21	Automotive spare parts, accessories
AT_22	Personal care items
AT_23	Commercial chemicals, adhesives, commercial, industrial and road salt
AT_24	Health
AT_25	Household furniture, built-in kitchen
AT_26	Commercial furniture
AT_27	Textiles, shoes, leather goods
AT_28	Household, games & sports
AT_29	White goods, building services, small electrical appliances, information and communication technology, consumer electronics

AT_30	Office supplies
AT_31	Print media
AT_32	Mail order
AT_33	Service packaging
AT_34	Manufacture of packaging
AT_35	Wood and other wood products
AT_36	Lignin and cellulose and other paper products
AT_37	Other chemical products
AT_38	Other technical rubber and plastic parts
AT_39	Other glass products
AT_40	Other ceramic products
AT_41	Metal production and processing
AT_42	Other metal products
AT_43	Manufacture of other electrical equipment
AT_44	Machinery construction
AT_45	Vehicle construction
AT_46	Other products for non-industrial use
AT_47	Other products for industrial use

For information on the GVM study, the quota and product group sheets, see

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- Flat-rates for small businesses (§ 9 Abs. 2 Z 3 VerpackVO / §13 Abs. 2 Z 3)
  - Participants who do not place more than 1,500 kg of domestic or commercial packaging on the market in the calendar year can use flat-rate tariffs.
- Obligation to report (§ 9 Abs. 2 Z 4 VerpackVO / §13 Abs. 2 Z 4)
  - Participants of household systems are obliged to pay the packaging amounts placed on the market at an anticipated annual fee and to report to the collection and recycling system (SVS):
    - a) up to € 1,500 .-- per calendar year (annual notification)
    - b) from 1,500 to 20,000 € per calendar quarter (quarterly report) and
    - c) over € 20,000 .-- per calendar month (monthly).
  - The SVS must report to the Registry the amount of packaging placed on the market by their participants no later than three weeks after the end of each month (§ 29b Abs. 3 AWG).

We are happy to take over the entire process, from the distribution of quantities to the system participation and the quantity report.

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