

Republic of Latvia

Cabinet

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Packaging Classification and Marking Regulations

*Issued pursuant to Section 10, Paragraph two of the
Packaging Law*

1. These Regulations prescribe the procedures for the classification and marking of packaging.
2. The packaging materials shall be classified in accordance with Annex 1 of these Regulations.
3. The packer shall indicate the following information in the packaging or packaging material marking located on the packaging or its label:
 - 3.1. type of packaging material (it shall be indicated by a code number or mark in conformity with Annex 2 of these Regulations);
 - 3.2. possible type of processing of the packaging material (in conformity with Annex 3 of these Regulations).
4. Marking shall be clearly visible, easy legible and permanent (also after opening of the packaging).
5. If the end user of the packaged goods is a manufacturer or a service provider that uses the goods as raw materials, the information on the packaging of raw material may be indicated in the accompanying documents only.
6. A packer is liable for the correctness of information indicated on the marking or label of the packaging.
7. The following need not be marked:
 - 7.1. packaging or its components if after opening its surface area is less than 20000 mm² or its nominal volume is less than 100 ml;
 - 7.2. corks or other packaging components the weight of which is less than 50 grams;
 - 7.3. labels, inlays or gaskets and wrapping materials if they are not printed.
8. Until 1 January 2004 packaging produced from glass, paper, paperboard, wood, textiles and composite material marking shall be voluntary.
9. Packaging manufactured from metal and plastic raw materials need not be marked, if it has been manufactured, imported or placed on the market together with goods by 1 July 2002. If the goods and packaging supply contract has been concluded before 1 July 2002, the referred to packaging need not be marked until expiration of the contract.
10. These Regulations come into force on 1 July 2002.

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Classification of Packaging Materials

No.	Group of packaging materials	Type of packaging material
1.	Packaging from natural fibre raw materials	Wood, cork Paper, paperboard, corrugated paper Textiles (cotton, jute and other textile materials)
2.	Metal packaging	Iron, iron sheet metal, aluminium and other metals
3.	Glass packaging	Achromatic or coloured glass
4.	Plastic packaging	Polyethylene terephthalate (PET), high density polyethylene (HDPE), low density polyethylene (LDPE), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polypropylene (PP), oriented polypropylene (OPP), biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP), polystyrene (PS), polystyrene foam (EPS) and other plastic
5.	Packaging from composite materials	Paper and cardboard laminates with plastic and/or metal components Plastic laminates with metal components Glass laminates with plastic and/or metal components

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Mark and Code Number of Packaging Materials

No.	Type of packaging material	Mark	Code number
1.	Plastic, including:		1–19
1.1.	polyethylene terephthalate	PET	1
1.2.	high density polyethylene	HDPE	2
1.3.	polyvinyl chloride	PVC	3
1.4.	low density polyethylene	LDPE	4
1.5.	polypropylene	PP	5
1.6.	polystyrene	PS	6
1.7.	other polymers		7
2.	Paper and cardboard, including:		20–39
2.1.	corrugated cardboard	PAP	20
2.2.	paperboard	PAP	21
2.3.	paper	PAP	22
3.	Metal, including:		40–49
3.1.	iron, iron sheet metal	FE	40
3.2.	aluminium	ALU	41
4.	Wood, including:		50–59
4.1.	wood	FOR	50
4.2.	cork	FOR	51
5.	Textiles, including:		60–69
5.1.	cotton	TEX	60
5.2.	jute	TEX	61
6.	Glass, including:		70–79
6.1.	achromatic	GL	70
6.2.	green	GL	71
6.3.	brown	GL	72
7.	Composite materials, including:	C/*	80–99
7.1.	paper and paperboard/mixed materials		80
7.2.	paper and paperboard/plastic		81
7.3.	paper and paperboard/aluminium		82
7.4.	paper and paperboard/iron sheet metal		83
7.5.	paper and paperboard/plastic/aluminium		84
7.6.	paper and paperboard/plastic/aluminium/iron sheet metal		85
7.7.	plastic/aluminium		90
7.8.	plastic/iron sheet metal		91
7.9.	plastic/mixed metals		92
7.10.	glass/plastic		95
7.11.	glass/aluminium		96
7.12.	glass/iron sheet metal		97
7.13.	glass/mixed metals		98

Note.

* The mark of composite materials shall be formed of a letter C and the mark of the dominant material indicated after the slash.

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Special Marks

1. To Be Utilised for Recycling

The marking shall contain a general graphical symbol of recycling (Figure 1) or a simplified general graphical symbol of recycling (Figure 2) and a code number of the relevant packaging material, which shall be placed in the graphic symbol, and/or abbreviation, which shall be placed under the graphic symbol (Figure 3).



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

2. Secondary Raw Materials, which have been utilised in Manufacturing of Packaging or Packaging Material

The marking shall contain a general graphical symbol of recycling or a simplified general graphical symbol of recycling and a code number of the relevant packaging material, which shall be placed in the graphic symbol, and the internationally accepted mark “Recycled (number) %”, which shall be placed under the graphic symbol. The indicated number conforms to the quantity in percent of secondary raw materials in the packaging material.

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