

New Packaging Law (VerpackG)

When will the Packaging Law come into effect?

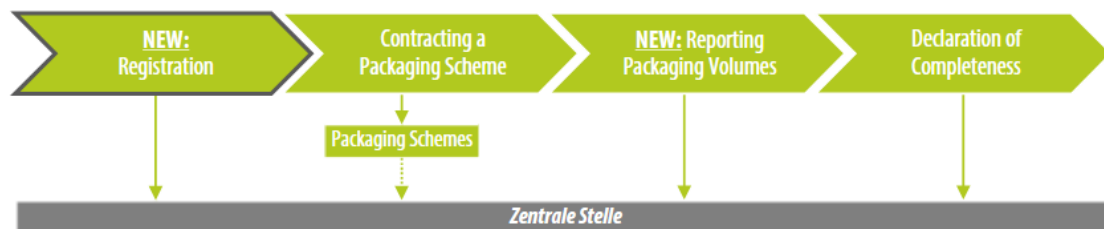
The Packaging Law will come into effect on 1 January 2019, replacing the current Packaging Ordinance.

To whom do the regulations apply?

To all actors, including online retailers, who bring packaged products onto the German market and which end as waste at the consumers. Packaged goods exported to other countries than Germany do not fall within the scope of the Packaging Law.

What changes with the Packaging Law?

- **New Registration Requirement**
 - Manufacturers will be required to register with a newly created national authority (Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister = ZSVR) before putting packaging on the market.
 - Master data and brand names will be required
 - Packaging register of the Zentrale Stelle „LUCID“: <https://lucid.verpackungsregister.org/>
- **New Data Reporting Requirement**
 - Manufacturers will also have to immediately transmit packaging-related data/changes of data to the Zentrale Stelle (at least once a year)
 - The following data must be reported:
 - Registration number (see above)
 - Material and volume of the packaging placed on market
 - Name of the packaging scheme contracted by the manufacturer to fulfil its extended Producer Responsibility



+ Zentrale Stelle will publish the registration of all distributors on their website = full transparency

(source: https://verpackungsgesetz-info.de/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/20171019_landbell_verpackg-factsheet_en_final.pdf)

Since many distributors do not know if the new Packaging Law applies to their products/packaging, the ZSVR has drawn up an administrative regulation for classification to provide legal certainty for all parties involved: <https://www.verpackungsregister.org/stiftung-standards/konsultationsverfahren/katalog>

If products/packaging are not mentioned, manufacturers/dealers can submit an application to the ZSVR to have their packaging classified.

Important:

- This clarification as well as the registration and quantity reporting must take place before the goods are placed on the German market
- Registration and data reporting requirements cannot be transferred to third parties but they can still be prepared by competent third parties