

CHARTER OF THE EUROPEAN PACKAGING REGISTERS NETWORK

- EUPRN -

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PREAMBLE

The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union have adopted, with regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 thereof, the Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on Packaging and Packaging Waste (hereinafter referred to as "PPWR").

Under the PPWR each Member State of the European Union ("**Member State**") shall establish a register of producers in the meaning of Article 3(1) point 15 PPWR ("**Producers**"). The national registers shall serve to monitor compliance of producers of packaging with the requirements set out in Chapter VIII of the PPWR, inter alia financial and organisational obligations to ensure the management of the waste from packaging made available on the territory of a Member State for the first time.

Member States shall designate one or more competent authorities managing those national registers. The designated or to be designated competent authorities in each Member State (hereinafter referred to as "**National Register**") shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the obligations set out in Chapter VIII PPWR and in Article 6(10), Article 29(1) to (7) and (9) PPWR and Articles 30 to 34 PPWR.

Further, the PPWR aims at harmonising registration requirements across the European Union to the greatest extent possible to facilitate registration for the Producers. Producers, authorised representatives in the meaning of Article 3(1) point 20 PPWR and/or producer responsibility organisations entrusted by such Producer shall be obliged to register in each Member State in which Producers make available packaging and packed products for the first time, and they shall submit certain data on such packaging and packed products to the National Registers.

Therefore, the (principal) entities responsible for the National Registers on packaging of the following Member States:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Portugal
- Spain
- The Netherlands,

decided to create and establish a European Packaging Registers Network (hereinafter referred to as "**EUPRN**"). The EUPRN will be ruled for the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 – Aims of EUPRN

- 1.1. EUPRN has the following aims, subject to the laws and regulations of the various Member States:
 - 1.1.1. Regularly exchange information and experiences regarding the implementation and enforcement of the PPWR, and, in particular, the register and the registration procedures,
 - 1.1.2. Develop and bring forward proposals and recommendations to the European Commission, in particular with regard to (proposed) legislative acts, delegated acts, implementing acts or guidelines that may directly or indirectly affect registration or data reporting obligations regarding packaging or packaging waste (e.g., the format for registration in and reporting to National Registers, the granularity of data to be provided and the packaging types and material categories to be covered by information submitted according to Article 44(14) PPWR)),
 - 1.1.3. Develop common understandings of the definitions (e.g., packaging, packaging categories, innovative packaging, making available on the market, household and non-household packaging waste) and roles (e.g., producers, importers, marketplaces, representatives) pursuant to the PPWR,
 - 1.1.4. Work on principles for cooperation regarding cross-border-cases (such as registration in case of cross-border-sales),
 - 1.1.5. Promote harmonization in the national law enforcement – as far as legally possible according to the national laws of the Member States (e.g., in form of guidelines),
 - 1.1.6. Provide technical service assistance or services upon request.
- 1.2. EUPRN's duty and work-focus lies on practice-orientated facts and details gained with the enforcement of the PPWR and the national laws of the Member States and is neither political nor lobbying.

ARTICLE 2 – Members and Governance of EUPRN

- 2.1. Each institution or organisation of a Member State designated or to be designated to implement packaging register activities or officially assigned by their government to execute producer register activities as it is stated in the national implementation of the PPWR in their Member State can be a member of EUPRN ("**EUPRN Member**"). EUPRN encourages all National Registers to apply for membership of EUPRN. EUPRN is thus open for National Registers of other Member States that have not yet applied for membership. For one Member State several institutions or organisations may be competent and, in that case, can become an EUPRN Member.
- 2.2. Producers, producer responsibility organisations (unless they are designated to implement packaging register activities or are a designated National Register pursuant to Article 44 PPWR), authorised representatives and institutions and organisations that conduct, broker or are related to waste disposals, waste disposal services or services for Producers with regard to the extended producer responsibility under the PPWR are excluded from the membership of EUPRN, as well as any kind of industry associations.

- 2.3. A written request for admittance of a National Register may be sent to any EUPRN Member. Such admittance is subject to the decision of all Members and shall be granted unless the applicant is barred from membership pursuant to Article 2.2. **Appendix 1** contains a membership list of the Members, as amended.
- 2.4. EUPRN will be organised in a steering group pursuant to Article 2.5 (the "**Steering Group**") and in working groups pursuant to Article 2.7 ("**Working Groups**").
- 2.5. All EUPRN Members are part of the Steering Group. Resolutions of the Steering Group are made by a simple majority of the EUPRN Members. If there are several members for a same Member State, they shall share a vote. Other conclusions taken in any meeting cannot be considered as binding resolutions, but as guidelines that all EUPRN Members are free to follow.
- 2.6. The Members of the Steering Group elect a presiding National Register (the "**Presidency**") by resolution pursuant to Article 2.5 sentence 2. The tenure of the Presidency is perpetual unless the Members of the Steering Group elect a new Presidency by resolution; in derogation to Article 2.5 sentence 2, this resolution shall require a two third majority of the EUPRN Members. The first Presidency is held by Germany.
- 2.7. The Steering Group may implement Working Groups to prepare resolutions pursuant to Article 2.5 sentence 2.

ARTICLE 3 – Organisation and Meetings

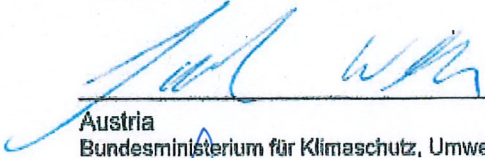
- 3.1. The Steering Group shall meet upon invitation by the Presidency, as required. The Steering Group may also establish a regular meeting schedule. The dates of meetings shall be communicated and agreed in advance, if feasible.
- 3.2. The invitation shall include the items of a meeting agenda stating the matters to be discussed, as brought forward by any EUPRN Member in the period between the last meeting and the invitation to the next meeting, and any documents required.
- 3.3. Guests may be admitted to individual meetings, provided that neither of the members objects by email at least seventy-two (72) hours before the meeting. Presence of any guests in an EUPRN meeting are to be announced to all EUPRN Members at least one (1) week in advance, if feasible.
- 3.4. The minutes of the meetings and any resolutions shall be transcribed by the Presidency and shall be circulated to all participants within one (1) month following the respective meeting. Alternatively, or in addition to this, the Presidency may choose to provide all EUPRN Members access to all meeting documents (e.g. meeting agenda, minutes of the meeting, draft resolutions, other meeting documents) via a secure electronic platform (including storing, obtaining and processing of such data by or on behalf of the Presidency).

ARTICLE 4 – Commitments and Confidentiality

- 4.1. All members of the EUPRN understand this is a network created to provide mutual help and to work towards harmonization principles. As such, it is the understanding of the EUPRN Members that they are willing to cooperate in alignment with the aims of EUPRN as outlined in Article 1.

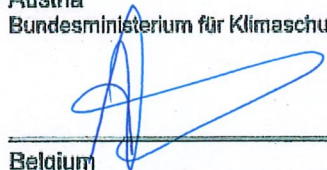
- 4.2. EUPRN Members are not allowed to convey fully or partially confidential information and results that they have obtained in connection with the EUPRN to other third parties. This does not preclude the exchange of information inside each National Register's organisation. Information is considered confidential upon any National Register's request, which shall, in particular, be reflected in the meeting minutes.
- 4.3. Consultations and exchanges within the EUPRN are matters between National Registers and do not alter any rights or obligations arising from EU or national law for Producers. Each National Register remains fully responsible for ensuring compliance with EU and national law and a due process in the cases it deals with.

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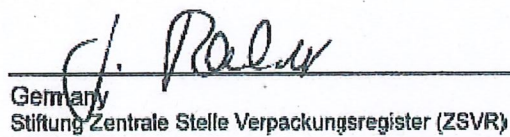
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