


# Register, participate, report –

three steps you have to take if you place packaging subject to system participation on the German market

## Data reporting in theory and practice

### Background to packaging volume reporting – The reporting obligation

 Are you selling and distributing goods in Germany? Are you placing packaging on the German market that is subject to system participation? For example retail, grouped or shipment packaging?

If the answer is 'yes', then just registering with the LUCID Packaging Register is not enough. You are required by law to pay for the recycling of your packaging. To fulfil this requirement, you **first have to conclude a system participation agreement** with one or more system(s) or system operator(s). Then you have to report the exact same packaging volumes that you have reported to your system to the ZSVR's LUCID Packaging Register. **This is called 'data reporting'**.



(dual) systems

#### What are 'systems', and what do they do?

The systems carry out recovery and recycling services nationwide in Germany. Private final consumers dispose of their packaging waste in yellow bags/bins, paper bins and paper/glass containers after use. The packaging is processed at sorting and recycling plants, where as much high-quality material is recovered as possible. An overview of the systems can be found [here](#). If you are not sure about the packaging type you are placing on the German market, take a look at this [graphic](#).

#### Your legal obligations at a glance



1  
Registering with the LUCID Packaging Register



2  
Entering into a system participation agreement



3  
Reporting packaging volumes

#### How to submit data reports on packaging volumes



You are required to submit **every** data report about packaging volumes that you make to your system operator to the LUCID Packaging Register – even if the volumes you reported to your system operator are 'zero' because you did not place any packaging on the German market during the reporting period. The data reported to the system and to the LUCID Packaging Register must be **identical**. In other words, the material types and volumes per material type must match.

#### Data reporting with your system operator



**When do you submit a data report to a system? When ...**

- ... you conclude a system participation agreement.
- ... you extend an existing agreement with a system.
- ... the system operator asks you to report your packaging volumes.

## Data reporting in the LUCID Packaging Register



### How often do you have to report your packaging volumes in LUCID?

- + This depends on what you agreed in your system participation agreement. Typical intervals include monthly, quarterly or yearly data reports.
- + If no intervals were agreed in your system participation agreement, you have to at least report the total packaging volume from your system participation agreement as an annual planned volume to the LUCID Packaging Register.



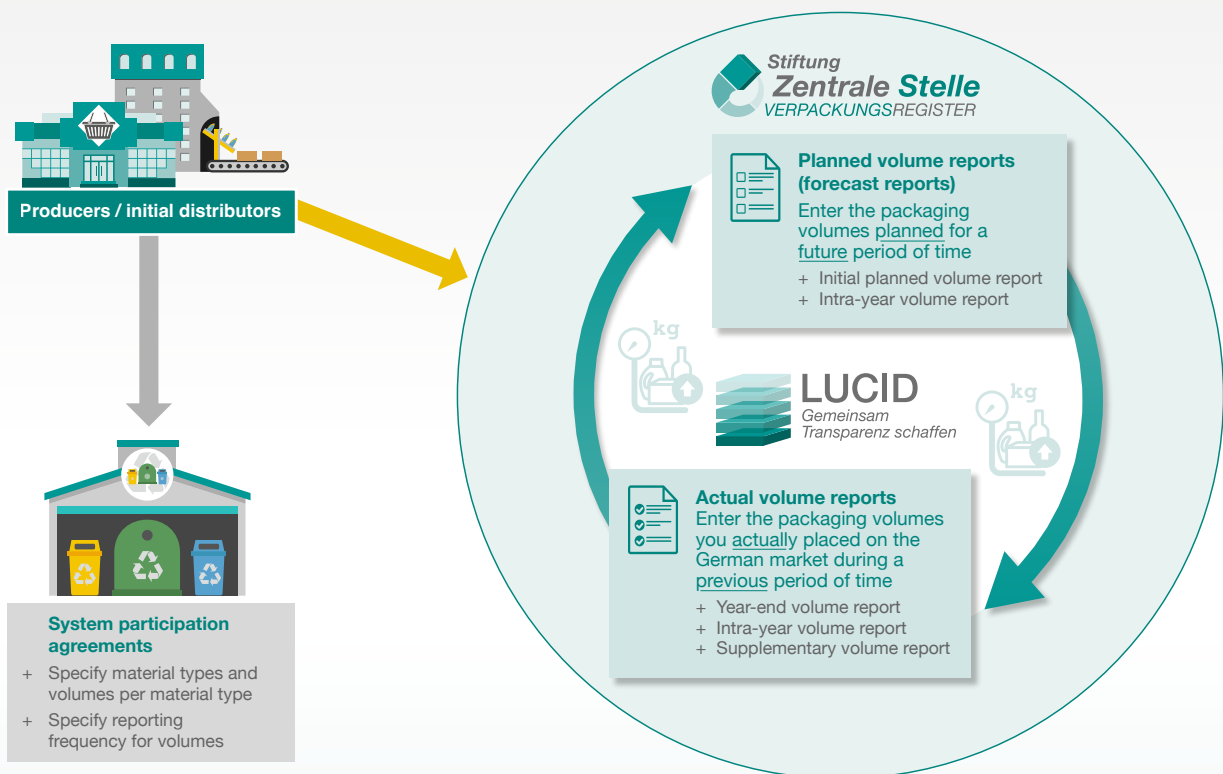
### What information do you have to file in the LUCID Packaging Register?

- + Reporting period. This must be the same period as for the report to your system operator.
- + Name of the system with which you concluded a system participation agreement.
- + Material types (e.g. paper/paperboard/cardboard, plastics, ferrous metals or glass) and packaging volumes per material type. Enter the packaging volumes in kilogrammes to the third decimal point.



There is a difference between

- + **planned volume reports (forecast reports)** and
- + **actual volume reports**



You **must not** report the number of packaging units (e.g. 2,000 units of paper packaging), but the **material mass** in kilogrammes (e.g. 1.000 kilogramme of paper).