



The first round of amendments to the Verpackungsgesetz (Packaging Act) entered into force on 3 July 2021. Further changes to the Act will take effect in two stages, namely on 1 January 2022 and 1 July 2022. Read on to learn more about the changes.



Changes to provisions taking effect on 3 July 2021:

- ◆ **International parties under obligation without a branch within Germany can appoint an authorised representative**
International companies without a branch within Germany can appoint an authorised representative located in Germany to fulfil their duties under the Verpackungsgesetz on their behalf. Further details on this topic can be found at <https://www.verpackungsregister.org/en/information-orientation/knowledge-base/authorising-a-representative>
- ◆ **Changed provisions regarding register entries**
 - The VAT number or taxpayer reference number entered during the registration process will be visible in the public register going forward.
 - The fax number no longer has to be indicated in the master data for registered companies and has been deleted from the public register.
 - The e-mail addresses of registered companies are no longer displayed in the public register.
 - The LUCID Packaging Register includes additional information about international parties under obligation that have appointed an authorised representative. Register entries, such as name, address and contact details, as well as the VAT number or taxpayer reference number of the authorised representative are published.



The extended deposit obligation for single-use beverage packaging will enter into force on 1 January 2022:

As far as this concerns the ZSVR's duties, you will be able to find further information about it on the ZSVR's website as from November/December 2021.



As from 1 July 2022, additional provisions will apply, including:

- ◆ **an extended registration requirement for all companies that place packaging filled with goods on the German market. Since 1 July 2022, these companies have to register in the LUCID Packaging Register and provide information about packaging types.** The registration requirement will then no longer apply only to companies that place packaging subject to system participation on the German market, but also to those placing packaging not subject to system participation on the market. This includes packaging pursuant to section 15 (1) VerpackG (Packaging Act), such as
 - transport packaging;
 - retail and grouped packaging that does not typically accumulate as waste with final consumers;



- retail and grouped packaging for which system participation is excluded due to system incompatibility pursuant to section 7 (5);
 - retail packaging for hazardous contents packaging;
 - reusable packaging; and
 - single-use beverage packaging subject to deposit pursuant to section 31.
- ◆ **Data reporting on packaging volumes** is still only due for packaging subject to system participation and must be submitted to the systems and LUCID Packaging Register at the same time interval and with identical content.
 - ◆ **a registration requirement for final distributors of service packaging in the LUCID Packaging Register** who have delegated their obligations completely to an upstream distributor. In addition, this delegation must be confirmed by checking the corresponding checkbox in the LUCID Packaging Register.
It is still the case that manufacturers and distributors of service packaging to whom final distributors have delegated the fulfilment of their obligations must register in the LUCID Packaging Register and fulfil further obligations.
 - ◆ **a new extended obligation for 'electronic marketplaces/platforms and fulfilment service providers'**: Operators of electronic marketplaces/platforms may only allow the marketing of packaging subject to system participation if producers have ensured system participation and are registered in the LUCID Packaging Register. Fulfilment service providers may only perform their activities for those companies that have fulfilled their requirement to register with the LUCID Packaging Register as well as the system participation requirement.

For further information about this topic and more on the obligations under the Verpackungsgesetz, please visit the ZSVR's website: <https://www.verpackungsregister.org/>. For specific questions please use a knowledge base on the homepage. You can go to the knowledge base via the new mega-drop-down menu.

Themenpakete

Hier finden Sie relevante Informationen zu zentralen Fragestellungen übersichtlich zusammengestellt.

 <p>Sie wollen sich über das Verpackungsgesetz im Allgemeinen informieren? z.B. Warum gibt es das Gesetz überhaupt?</p> <p>» Lesen Sie hier mehr</p>	 <p>Sie wollen sich zur Novelle des Verpackungsgesetzes informieren? Hier erfahren Sie, welche Änderungen zu welchem Zeitpunkt in Kraft treten.</p> <p>» Lesen Sie hier mehr</p>	 <p>Sie möchten prüfen, ob und welche Pflichten Sie nach dem Verpackungsgesetz haben?</p> <p>» Lesen Sie hier mehr</p>	 <p>Sie wissen, dass Sie nach dem Verpackungsgesetz verpflichtet sind und möchten wissen, was zu tun ist?</p> <p>» Lesen Sie hier mehr</p>
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