

The ZSVR

Full name:	Zentrale Verpackungsregister (Central Agency Packaging Register – ZSVR)
Legal basis:	Verpackungsgesetz (Packaging Act – VerpackG)
Established:	as the Verpackungsgesetz was passed in early summer of 2017
Legal form:	foundation under private law, entrusted to carry out statutory duties (federal authority)
Chair:	Gunda Rachut and Dr Alexander Dröge
Legal/technical supervision:	German Environment Agency (UBA)
Funding:	provided by systems and sector-specific solutions as set forth in section 25 VerpackG; these must refinance the costs approved by the German Environment Agency
Location:	Öwer de Hase 18, 49074 Osnabrück, Germany

Founders

- Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Ernährungsindustrie e. V. (Federation of German Food and Drink Industries – BVE)
- Handelsverband Deutschland – HDE e. V. (German Retail Association)
- IK Industrievereinigung Kunststoffverpackungen e. V. (German Association for Plastic Packagings and Films)
- Markenverband e. V. (German Trade Mark Association)

Most of the grouped and retail packaging in question is placed on the German market by member companies of the founding associations.

Duties of the ZSVR Foundation as defined in section 26 VerpackG include in particular:

- establishing and operating a register of producers as per the Verpackungsgesetz;
- establishing and operating a database, with data reports submitted by producers and systems;
- calculating market shares to facilitate allocation of the recovery costs and recovery volumes of the systems;
- preparing and publishing a minimum standard for assessing the recyclability of packaging, in agreement with the German Environment Agency;
- auditing the volume flow records of systems and sector-specific solutions;
- classifying packaging as (i) subject to system participation, (ii) reusable or (iii) subject to deposit;
- classifying whether a source of waste generation is deemed to be comparable to a private household.

The goals of the Stiftung Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister are:

- controlling the recovery and recycling of packaging for private final consumers in a standardised manner across the Federal Republic of Germany;
- creating transparency in the free market system for packaging waste management;
- establishing a fair distribution of the associated costs on the market;
- protecting the environment by publishing a minimum standard for assessing the recyclability of packaging, and
- advancing extended producer responsibility in Germany.