

EPR Update for BPIF Members

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What is EPR?

Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging is a landmark reform to the **UK's Packaging Waste Regulations**. It will see businesses involved in placing packaging onto the UK market obligated in new ways for supporting the management of packaging when it becomes waste. This includes new reporting obligations and new financial obligations for some affected businesses. For a brief introduction to EPR for packaging you can read Valpak's latest blog available [here](#).

Obligations come into force

The EPR obligations have now passed into law and **since March 1st** affected businesses have been required to gather packaging data in greater detail than under the previous Packaging Waste Regulations. This requirement now also affects **more businesses than was previously the case** as the thresholds at which businesses become obligated have been lowered. This first bi-annual data declaration must be completed by 1st October if you qualify as a large producer, with small producers required to submit a declaration once a year by 1st April. To understand whether your business is affected by EPR try out Valpak's dedicated obligation calculator [here](#).

Defra's Business Readiness Forums

With the packaging reforms now entering their implementation phase, Defra are engaging with affected stakeholders to increase preparedness as best as possible. As such, they have released further dates for their **Business Readiness Forums**, where industry has the chance to engage directly with Defra policy specialists, ask questions, and receive key insights. For access to Defra's Packaging reform newsletter, sign up [here](#).

'Nation of Supply' Reporting

Under EPR reforms, businesses with an annual turnover of £1m or more, and which supply at least 25 tonnes of packaging to end users in the UK will be **obligated to submit 'Nation of Supply' data reports**. You could be obligated to complete Nation of Supply reporting if you:

- Supply packaged goods to their end user (which could be a consumer or another business), even if these are not your branded goods
- Import and discard packaging
- Operate an online marketplace where goods are sold to UK consumers
- Supply empty packaging for a small producer to make use of
- Lease out reusable packaging for another business to make use of

For further guidance on Nation of Supply reporting is available from Defra [here](#).

New Guidance

Defra have also published a series of new guidance pages, to help producers understand the finer details of EPR reforms. The most recent publications particularly focus on how data should be formatted and submitted to environmental regulators. **[Extended producer responsibility for packaging: who is affected and what to do](#)** provides an overview of EPR, whilst **[Packaging data file specification for extended producer responsibility](#)** goes into specific detail on how businesses will have to report data.

As the UK's largest packaging compliance scheme, Valpak is on hand to help businesses navigate the complexities of, and comply with, EPR. Get in touch with us directly on our **[EPR homepage](#)** to learn more.