

About the Stiftung Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister (Central Agency Packaging Register – ZSVR)

- ◆ On 1 January 2019, the Verpackungsgesetz (Packaging Act) entered into force in Germany.
- ◆ **Established:** as the Verpackungsgesetz was passed in early summer of 2017
- ◆ **Legal form:** private **foundation** in the form of an institution entrusted with statutory duties
- ◆ **Chair:** Gunda Rachut
- ◆ **Legal and technical supervision:** Umweltbundesamt (Environment Agency)
- ◆ **Number of staff:** approx. 50 (as per November 2021)
- ◆ **Funding:** provided by systems and sector-specific solutions as set forth in section 25 VerpackG (Packaging Act). The systems and sector-specific solutions, in turn, need to re-finance the audited and approved costs through levies.
- ◆ **Location:** Öwer de Hase 18 | 49074 Osnabrück

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 sales packaging in question is placed on the German market by member companies and organisations of the founding associations.

Tasks of the Stiftung Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister 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;
- ◆ defining and publishing, together with the Umweltbundesamt (Environment Agency), a minimum standard for assessing the recyclability of packaging;
- ◆ auditing the volume flow records of the systems and sector-specific solutions;
- ◆ classing packaging as being subject to system participation; and
- ◆ classing beverage packaging as being subject to deposit.

The goals of the Stiftung Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister are:

- ◆ controlling the recovery and recycling of packaging for 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 costs associated with this on the market;
- ◆ protecting the environment by publishing a minimum standard for assessing the recyclability of packaging, and
- ◆ advancing extended producer responsibility in Germany.