

Special provisions for service packaging

Do you run a restaurant, snack bar, dry cleaner? Are you a marketplace retailer, a baker, butcher, pharmacist, optician or jeweller? Or do you have another business in which you fill service packaging with goods and hand them over to your customers? If the answer is yes, then let us explain how you can be sure to fulfil your obligations under German packaging law.



Purchasing pre-participated unfilled service packaging

You can buy 'pre-participated' service packaging from a supplier or wholesaler who has already paid for the packaging's recycling. This 'pre-participation' only applies to service packaging. You have to ensure that the invoice or delivery note confirms the pre-participation of the unfilled service packaging you have purchased; this will serve as evidence that you have fulfilled your obligations. The supplier or wholesaler is required to provide such a confirmation to you.

You choose to exclusively buy pre-participated unfilled service packaging from your supplier or wholesaler.

You have to register with the LUCID Packaging Register and confirm that the packaging you place on the German market is pre-participated service packaging. To confirm this, check the box that says 'Exclusively pre-participated service packaging' when providing details on your packaging types.

You choose not to buy pre-participated service packaging and/or place other packaging types, such as retail, shipment^①- or grouped packaging, on the German market.

In both cases you have to fulfil your obligations under packaging law yourself:

- + Register with the LUCID Packaging Register and indicate there that you place retail, grouped or shipment packaging as well as service packaging (included in retail packaging) on the German market. This is done by ticking the uppermost category of packaging subject to system participation.
 - + Conclude a system participation agreement with one or more system(s).
 - + Provide the exact same packaging volume report that you provide to a system to the LUCID Packaging Register (including when entering into the agreement).
- ^① Packaging used by restaurants or delivery services to bring food or beverages to customers, for example, is not service packaging. The law classifies this packaging as shipment packaging.

What is service packaging?

Service packaging is packaging that is not filled until it reaches the final distributor and is used to enable or support handing goods over to the final consumer. The 'final distributor' is the retailer giving the goods to the final consumer.



Service packaging typically accumulates as waste with private final consumers. That is why they are subject to system participation – without exception!

Examples of service packaging include:

▶ Pizza boxes



▶ Takeaway coffee cups



▶ Bakery bags



▶ Jars filled at the chemist



▶ Fast food containers



▶ Snack containers



▶ Conical bags



▶ Butcher papers

