

Examples

Promotional material from the EU or third countries (boxes and pallets in which they are packed)

Office supplies from the EU or third countries (boxes and pallets in which they are packed)

Take-out food and to-go beverage packaging (e.g. cardboard pizza boxes, disposable coffee cups and other beverage cups)



Export

Fees are not paid for products manufactured in Croatia and intended for export.

There is the possibility of a refund for products for which the fee was paid, but later on it is found they were exported. Only the importer/introducer who paid the fee upon import/introduction to the market is entitled to claim a refund.



What in the case of noncompliance?

Inspection of compliance with the obligations laid down in the Act on Sustainable Waste Management and the Ordinance on packaging and waste packaging is carried out by the inspectors from the Ministry of Environment and Energy and the Ministry of Finance – Customs Administration.

Any offences of noncompliance by the manufacturer of products legal person can be punished with a penalty in the amount **from HRK 100,000.00 to 800,000.00**, and the responsible person in the legal person with a penalty in the amount **from HRK 30,000.00 to 70,000.00**.

As of 2005, producers and importers who place certain quantities of products in packaging on the market in the Republic of Croatia have been obliged to pay the waste packaging fee.

The fee charge system and system for managing this type of waste is organised by the **Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund**

If you are not sure whether as part of your business activity you are obliged to report to the Fund the quantities of packaging you put on the market in the Republic of Croatia, you can find the information at **www.fzoeu.hr**.



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Waste packaging management fee and deposit fee



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Who is the producer/person obliged to pay the fee?

Legal or natural person – tradesman who is developing, manufacturing, processing, treating, selling, exporting or importing, or introducing on the market of the Republic of Croatia products packed in packaging, including those who import/introduce packaged products for own needs and/or further sale.



What does placing on the market mean?

Import/introduction of products to the territory of the Republic of Croatia, first-time marketing of products manufactured in the Republic of Croatia.

You are not sure whether you are obliged to pay the fee?

Answer the following questions:

- Do you manufacture a product that is packed in boxes, plastic or paper bags, or some other type of packaging?
- Have you introduced products from an EU Member?
- Have you imported products from a non-EU country?
- Do you produce or import/introduce beverages?

If you answered **YES** to at least one question, you are obliged to pay the fee for the management of waste packaging and/or the deposit fee

Why do you pay the fee?

Because after using the product the remaining packaging has to be disposed of as part of the special categories of waste management system.



What are your obligations?



1. Submit quarterly/annual report forms

QUARTERLY: No later than the 10th day of the current month for the previous quarter, submit to the Fund the information about the type and quantity of packaging in forms AO10 and/or AO3.

ANNUAL: No later than the 1st March of the current year for the previous year, submit to the Fund the filled out forms AO10 and/or AO3.

Note: In order to establish the status and keep records, a small producer also has to submit the annual report.

Detailed information and forms are available at www.fzoeu.hr.

2. Pay the waste packaging management fee and/or deposit fee

According to the reported information, the Fund will calculate and charge the waste packaging management fee and issue a decision based on which the producer pays the fee.

The waste packaging management fee is charged per the type and quantity of packaging material in the case of packaging included in the deposit system management.

The deposit fee is calculated per unit of beverage packaging in the deposit-refund system. The deposit system includes all beverages in the packaging with a volume greater than 0.20 l in PET, glass, Al, and Fe packaging.

3. Importer/introducer/producer of beverages has to submit to the Fund the filled out spreadsheet in Annex XII no later than 8 days before placing beverages on the market in the Republic of Croatia, together with a sample of the packaging unit to verify the compliance of markings on the packaging.



What is and what is not packaging?



EXAMPLES OF THE OBLIGATION TO REPORT PACKAGING:

Primary packaging

- Aluminium (cap)
- Glass (jar)
- Paper (label)



Secondary packaging

- Cardboard box in which jars are packed



Tertiary packaging

- Pallet
- Foil or film (other polymers)

