

The matter of the packaging register

Congratulations on launching your start-up! Already registered your business?

Of course!

And you're producing, sending or importing goods, right?

Yes!

Are those goods packaged when you hand them over to your customers?

Yes, why do you ask?

Because you need to comply with the Verpackungsgesetz (Packaging Act). Everyone has to accept responsibility for minimising the impact the packaging of their products has on the environment.

That makes sense! But what exactly does that mean for us?

Regardless of what sort of packaging you use to sell your goods or import them into Germany, ...

... you have to register with the LUCID Packaging Register - even if you have someone else package or ship those goods for you.

What's LUCID?

LUCID is a public register that provides for transparency and fair competition. Every company that sells packaged goods has to register with the Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister (Central Agency Packaging Register), or ZSVR for short.

And we've got to register with this Packaging Register? So you're saying buckle up, we're going on a form-filing road trip ...

Welcome to the LUCID Packaging Register!

1 Master data 2 Details about the packaging 3 Select system 4 Summary

Not at all, a few clicks is all it takes. And it's totally free!

Don't forget: you have other obligations if you use certain types of packaging. There's retail packaging, grouped or shipment packaging and service packaging that is filled on site

Not so fast - tell us about these different types of packaging!

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Zentrale Stelle VERPACKUNGSREGISTER

You have to pay for recycling for the sort of packaging where you manufacture your product yourself, sell it in packaging or ship it in paper cartons, plastic bags and so on. The same goes for coffee cups, bakery bags, paper or ice cream cups and that sort of thing.

So registering with LUCID is free and we have to pay for recycling?

Exactly. System operators are responsible for collecting, sorting and recycling packaging waste in Germany. You need to enter into a system participation agreement with one of them. Some people refer to this as packaging licensing.

And then what?

After you've concluded one of these agreements with a system operator, you must indicate this in the LUCID Packaging Register ... and then submit regular packaging volume reports to the register.

Entering into a system participation agreement

Registration with the LUCID Packaging Register

Reporting packaging volumes

kg

Your packaging Your responsibility

For more information, take a look at ... → www.verpackungsregister.org