

# how we calculate your packaging obligation



To comply with the Packaging Waste Regulations companies have to recycle a certain percentage of the packaging that they handle. Valpak calculate this obligation on our members' behalf using targets set by government.

If your company turnover is less than £5 million and you have chosen to submit using the SME allocation method then please move straight to **Stage 8**.

Follow the stages below to find out how Valpak calculates members' packaging waste obligations.

## **Stage 1:** annually complete a packaging submission form

Valpak members complete an annual submission which is due on 28 February each year. This submission tells Valpak how many tonnes of packaging that each member handles, the material and the activity that they perform.

## **Stage 2:** Valpak checks and verifies your data

Valpak call members when we have received their packaging data. Valpak will check their data against a number of different parameters, such as last year's data and common errors.

## **Stage 3:** Valpak calculates packaging flow

Once packaging data has been checked and accepted, Valpak then calculate packaging flow. This is the tonnage calculated when we have applied the activity percentage to each material.

## **Stage 4:** Valpak applies UK targets for recycling and recovering packaging waste

The UK government sets annual targets for the recycling and recovery of packaging waste. Valpak applies the target to the total packaging flow to work out members' packaging waste obligations.

## **Stage 5:** Valpak calculates material specific recycling obligation

A company's minimum recycling obligation must be met using a combination of the materials that the company has handled. Each material has its own material specific recycling targets which Valpak applies to the packaging flow for that material.



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## **Stage 6:** Valpak calculates general recovery and recycling obligation

To calculate a company's general recycling obligation, Valpak subtracts the total of their material specific recycling obligations from their minimum recycling obligation.

## **Stage 7:** Valpak calculates recovery obligation

To calculate members' recovery obligations, Valpak subtracts their minimum recycling obligation from their total recovery obligation.

## **Stage 8:** Valpak offsets our member obligation

Valpak plan to purchase the right number of PRNs to meet our members' combined obligations and to ensure that all members fully comply with the Packaging Waste Regulations.