

"We have been delighted with our choice of compliance partner. Valpak's greatest asset is their people, who pay constant and consistent attention to customer service and who serve their customers with excellence, always. It has been my pleasure to collaborate with the Data Management Team for the past three years and I look forward to many more of the same." Ahmed Kazi, Operations Manager, Euro Garages Ltd

The Challenge

In line with on-going environmental commitments, Euro Garages' management team needed to assess the company's obligations under The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations.

Euro Garages has over 6,000 individual product lines. Analysing this data and gathering packaging weights to comply with the Packaging Waste Regulations is a huge responsibility and undertaking, especially with the regulations changing continually. This responsibility requires in-depth legislation knowledge and technical experience as well as a considerable resource commitment.

The Solution

Valpak were commissioned by Euro Garages to reduce the administrative burden of completing the regular packaging data submission and more importantly to ensure compliance. To this extent, the relationship with Euro Garages is fulfilled by Valpak's Data Management Team. They are responsible for specifying, collecting and calculating the packaging data submission and ensuring that the data is 'as accurate as reasonably possible'.

Valpak were chosen to provide this support as they have an excellent awareness and clear understanding of the associated requirements. Through a tailored Data Management Service, Valpak's expertise and support provides Euro Garages with peace of mind that everything is covered and delivers a no fuss, cost-effective solution. Once a year the Data Management Team requests the necessary data from Euro Garages and then carries out all the collating and compiling of the data for the company's annual submission.

The Results

As well as ensuring compliance, another key benefit is the substantial staff time and resource savings. In total, the Data Management Team spends twelve to fourteen days on raw data manipulation, weights collection, weights data analysis, completion of the data form and submission of respective data to the Environment Agency.

In addition, Euro Garages is provided with a written methodology detailing an accurate audit trail, so that the company is prepared for a possible Environment Agency audit. Furthermore, the Data Management Team attends any such Environment Agency audits as and when required. This ensures a total solution for Euro Garages so they can continue to focus on running their business and there is minimal disruption to day-to-day operations.