

## Packaging Targets

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The 2020 packaging recycling business targets for paper, aluminium, steel, wood and general recovery and recycling were announced in Spring Budget 2017.

The table below shows the packaging business recycling targets from 2018 – 2020. Following the release of Valpak's GlassFlow, the glass targets were updated in 2014. Following the release of PlasticFlow there was a consultation at the end of 2015 to assess amendment options for plastic business targets for 2016 and 2017, and also an extension of plastic and glass business targets to 2020. The results of this were announced in Budget March 2016 and confirmed in the amended regulations<sup>1</sup>.

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Paper</b>	71%	73%	75%
<b>Glass</b>	78%	79%	80%
<b>Aluminium</b>	58%	61%	64%
<b>Steel</b>	79%	82%	85%
<b>Plastic</b>	53%	55%	57%
<b>Wood</b>	38%	43%	48%
<b>Recovery</b>	80%	81%	82%
<b>Recycling</b>	73.60%	74.5%	75.40%

The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (as amended) (Packaging Regulations) oblige certain businesses handling packaging (producers) to contribute financially to achieving certain recycling and recovery targets. The Packaging Regulations business targets are set at a level to ensure that the targets of Council Directive 94/62/EC<sup>2</sup>, the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (PPWD), are met. UK Government therefore require continuing business targets to be set for each specific material; plastic, glass, paper, steel, aluminium and wood. Future UK policy in this area as well as possible amendments to the PPWD are currently under discussion at both UK and EU level.

Under the Packaging Regulations the amount that a producer is obliged to finance is calculated using information on the amount material placed on the market by the producer (tonnes), multiplied by their activity share (based on the role of producer within the supply chain) and then multiplied by the applicable business target percentage.

<sup>1</sup>The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

<sup>2</sup>European Parliament and Council Directive 94/62/EC of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste