

## The Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive

Brother UK Ltd is committed to be compliant with all the applicable laws and regulations.

Brother UK are members of the Valpak Compliance Scheme, and fulfil our recycling and recovery obligations as required by the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations.

The Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive (94/62/EC) is a single market measure, with environmental goals. The Directive applies to all packaging placed on the market within the EU, and all packaging waste - whether disposed of at industrial or commercial sites, or from private homes.

### **The Directive has been transposed into UK law by two regulations:**

- The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2016 (as amended)
- The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015 (as amended)

### **Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations**

The UK meets the Packaging Directive's recycling and recovery targets for packaging waste through these regulations, which are based on the principle of the producer responsibility.

Companies above the threshold of a £2million annual turnover and handling more than 50 tonnes of packaging a year pay for a certain proportion of the UK obligations to recycle packaging.

### **Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations**

The regulations set out the requirements that all items of packaging must meet before being placed on the UK market. The essential requirements are, in summary:

Packing volume and weight must be the minimum amount to maintain necessary levels of safety, hygiene and acceptance for the packed product and for the consumer.

Noxious or hazardous substances in packaging must be minimised in emissions, ash or leachate from incineration or landfill.

Packaging must be manufactured so as to permit reuse or recovery in accordance with specific requirements.

If you have any questions on this directive, or need further details on Brother's actions to date, please email: [csr@brother-uk.com](mailto:csr@brother-uk.com)

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