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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging, including reporting and payment of fees for waste management in individual Member States, has been a requirement of the EU legislation since 31 December 2024, laid down under the Packaging and Packaging Waste Directive¹ (PPWD), and in place even since longer in many Member States.

The Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation² (PPWR) leaves the competence for the concrete design and enforcement of the 27 existing national EPR schemes to the Member States. However, an implementing act under the PPWR, Article 44(14), planned to be adopted in fall 2026, will streamline the EPR registration and reporting in all Member States, including dates, frequency, granularity of data. This act will simplify the reporting thus reducing administrative burden to for companies.

As part of the Circular Economy Act, the Commission is assessing a broader reform of EPR schemes, including how to introduce a single-entry point that will give the producers a seamless experience.

To further harmonise EPR rules and cut red tape for EU producers³, the Commission has proposed in the Environmental Omnibus proposal⁴ to suspend the obligation for producers to appoint an authorised representative when they conduct direct sale to end users in other Member States. Such suspension will immediately alleviate a significant burden. The Commission has repeatedly called upon the European Parliament and the Council to adopt the proposal as quickly as possible and stands ready to work on it as a matter of urgency.

¹ Directive 94/62/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste, OJ L 365, 31.12.1994.

² Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC, OJ L, 2025/40, 22.1.2025.

³ especially Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.

⁴ <https://circulareconomy.europa.eu/platform/en/news-and-events/all-news/environmental-omnibus-has-been-published>.