

## INFORMATION SHEET

### **New obligations for single-use plastic products and -packaging starting with 2022 according to the Packaging Ordinance (VVO)**

The amendment to the Austrian Packaging Ordinance (VVO) has come into force. Manufacturers of certain single-use plastic products are obliged to participate in a collection and recycling system and have to submit an additional report.

#### **Affected single-use plastic products and packaging (§ 18a and § 21a)**

1. Wet wipes
2. Balloons
3. Tobacco products
4. Fishing gear containing plastic
5. Beverage cup
6. Food containers
7. Packets and wrappers made of flexible material
8. Beverage containers
9. Carrier bags made of lightweight plastic

From 2023, the following **reports** must be submitted retrospectively for 2022:

1. Wet wipes: report by mass
2. Balloons: report by mass
3. Tobacco products: Reporting by mass
4. Fishing gear: report by mass
5. Beverage cup: report the total mass and
  - Entirely made from plastic: report by piece
  - Partly made from plastic: report by piece
6. Food containers: reporting of the total mass and
  - Entirely made from plastic: report by piece
  - Partly made from plastic: report by piece
7. Packets and wrappers made of flexible material: report by mass
8. Beverage containers segmented into:
  - PET beverage bottles: report by mass
  - Other beverage bottles: report by mass
  - Other beverage containers: report by mass
9. Carrier bags made of lightweight plastic: by mass and by piece

The data for the reporting year must be reported no later than March 15 of the following calendar year.

## **Definitions**

**Wet wipes:** soaked wipes for hygiene purposes or domestic premises (Annex 6 point 2.2)

**Balloons,** excluding balloons for industrial or other commercial uses and applications that are not sold to consumers (Annex 6 point 2.2.)

**Tobacco products,** with filters and filters marketed for use in combination with tobacco products (Annex 6 point 2.3)

**Fishing gear** means any gear or piece of equipment used in fisheries or aquaculture to locate, capture or raise marine biological resources or, while floating on the sea surface, to attract and capture or raise such marine biological resources ( §3 Z27). Only maritime fishing gear that is put into circulation in Austria is affected.

**Beverage cups,** including lids and covers (Annex 6 point 2.1)

**Food containers:** i.e. receptacles such as boxes (with or without a cover) used to contain food which

- a. is intended for immediate consumption, either on-the-spot or as take-away,
- b. is typically consumed out of the packaging, and
- c. is ready to be consumed without further preparation such as cooking, boiling or heating, including food containers used for fast food or other meal ready for immediate consumption (Annex 6 point 2.1)

**Packets and wrappers made of flexible material:** with food content intended for immediate consumption from the packet or wrapper without any further preparation (Annex 6 point 2.1.).

**Beverage containers:** with a capacity of up to three liters, i.e. receptacles used to contain liquid, such as beverage bottles, including their caps and lids, and composite beverage packaging, including their caps, lids and covers.

Exceptions: Beverage containers made of glass or metal including their caps or lids made from plastic. Beverage containers intended for and used for liquid food for special medical purposes, food for infants and young children, food for special medical purposes and daily rations for weight control nutrition (Annex 6 point 1 b).

**Below you will find the current 2025 cost rates/surcharges specified by the BMK. (Only in German available)**

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## AUFTRAG

Gemäß § 31 Abs. 2 Z 2 des Abfallwirtschaftsgesetzes 2002 ergeht folgender Auftrag betreffend Einwegkunststoffprodukte und -verpackungen (SUP-Produkte) an die Sammel- und Verwertungssysteme für Haushaltsverpackungen (HSVS):

I. Die nachstehenden Zuschläge bzw. Kostenersätze sind den Herstellern von Tabakprodukten, Feuchttüchern und Luftballons sowie den Primärverpflichteten für Einwegkunststoffverpackungen für das Jahr 2025 vorzuschreiben und einzuheben:

SUP-Produkte:	Kostenersätze/Zuschläge in €
Lebensmittelverpackungen	225,00 €/t
Aus flexiblem Material hergestellte Säckchen und Folienverpackungen	225,00 €/t
Getränkebehälter – PET Getränkeflaschen (unbepfandet)	225,00 €/t
Getränkebehälter – sonstige Getränkeflaschen	225,00 €/t
Getränkebehälter – Getränkeverbundkarton	225,00 €/t
Getränkebecher	225,00 €/t
Feuchttücher	225,00 €/t
Luftballons	225,00 €/t
Sehr leichte Kunststofftragetaschen	225,00 €/t

Tabakprodukte (Filtergewicht)	450,00 €/t
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II. Für Systemteilnehmer, die gemäß § 9 Abs. 2 Z 3 der Verpackungsverordnung 2014 eine pauschale Lösung in Anspruch nehmen, ist ein Pauschalentgelt in Höhe von € 13 für das In-Verkehr-Setzen der SUP-Verpackungen einzuheben. Voraussetzung dafür ist, dass die Pauschalmelder diese in Verkehr setzen.

**Cost compensation for Single-use plastic products "Littering costs" on behalf of VKS**

The following cost reimbursements according to § 18a Abs 1 and 3 VerpackVO and extra charges according to § 9 Abs 2a VerpackVO are collected **in the name and on account of the Verpackungskoordinierungsstelle gemeinnützige GmbH (VKS)** from the calendar year 2023 on.

Single-use plastic products	reimbursements/extra charges in € (excl VAT)	
	as of 01.01.2024	as of 01.01.2025
Food containers	0.190/kg	0.225/kg
Packets and wrappers made of flexible material	0.190/kg	0.225/kg
Beverage containers – PET bottles (not deposited)	0.190/kg	0.225/kg
Beverage containers – other beverage bottles	0.190/kg	0.225/kg
Beverage containers – other beverage compound carton	0.190/kg	0.225/kg
Beverage cups	0.190/kg	0.225/kg
Wet wipes	-	0.225/kg
Airballoons	-	0.225/kg
Lightweight plastic carrier bags	0.190/kg	0.225/kg
Tobacco products (weight of filter)	0.380/kg	0.450/kg
Flat fee for Single-use plastic products <sup>1)</sup>	12.-/year	13.-/year

<sup>1)</sup> For system participants who put a total of not more than 1,500 kg of household packaging into circulation in the calendar year, and not more than 1,500 kg of commercial packaging, and who have chosen the flat fee package solution