

INFORMATION SHEET

New obligations for single-use plastic products and packaging from 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 (like Interzero) and to submit an additional report.

Disposable plastic products and packaging affected (§ 18a and §21a)

1. Wet wipes
2. Balloons
3. Tobacco products
4. Fishing gear containing plastic
5. Beverage cups
6. Food containers
7. Bags and wrappers made from flexible materials
8. Beverage containers
9. Carrier bags made of very lightweight plastic

From 2023 onwards, the following reports must be submitted retroactively for the previous year:

1. Wet wipes: report by mass
2. Balloons: report by mass
3. Tobacco products: report by mass
4. Fishing gear: report by mass
5. Beverage cups: report total mass and
 - Entirely made of plastic: report per piece
 - Partially made of plastic: reporting by piece
6. Food containers: report total mass and
 - Made entirely of plastic: report by piece
 - Partially made of plastic: reporting by piece
7. Bags 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 very lightweight plastic: by mass and by piece

The data for the reporting year must be reported by 15 March of the following calendar year at the latest.

Definition

Wet wipes: *impregnated (soaked) wipes for personal hygiene purposes and domestic (Annex 6, point 2.2)*

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

Tobacco products, *with filters and filters sold 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 (Section 3(27)). This applies exclusively to maritime fishing gear placed on the market in Austria.*

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

Food containers: *Containers such as boxes (with or without lids) for food that*

- a) intended to be consumed immediately on -the-spot or as a takeaway meal,*
- b) are usually consumed straight from the packaging, and*
- c) can be consumed without further preparation such as cooking, boiling or heating, including packaging for fast food or other meals for immediate consumption*

(Annex 6, point 2.1)

Bags and wrappers made of flexible material: *with food content intended to be consumed directly from the bag or wrappers and which do not require further preparation (Annex 6, point 2.1).*

Beverage containers: *with a capacity of up to three liters, i.e. containers used to hold liquids, such as beverage bottles, including their closures and lids, and composite beverage packaging, including their closures and lids.*

Exceptions: *beverage containers made of glass or metal with plastic closures or lids. Beverage containers intended and used for liquid foods for special medical purposes, foods for infants and young children, foods for special medical purposes and daily rations for weight control diets (Annex 6, point 1 b).*

Below you will find the current cost reimbursements/surcharges for 2026, as specified by the BMLUK (Only available in German).

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AUFTAG

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 2026 vorzuschreiben und einzuheben:

SUP-Fraktionen	Kostenersätze/Zuschläge
Lebensmittelverpackungen	368,00 €/t
Aus flexilem Material hergestellte Säckchen und Folienverpackungen	551,00 €/t
Getränkebehälter – PET-Getränkeflaschen (unbepfandet)	271,00 €/t
Getränkebehälter – sonstige Getränkeflaschen	271,00 €/t
Getränkebehälter – sonstige Getränkebehälter (zB GVK, Getränkebeutel)	73,00 €/t
Getränkebecher	1.274,00 €/t
Feuchttücher	13,00 €/t
Luftballons	152,00 €/t
Sehr leichte KS-Tragetaschen	622,00 €/t
Tabakprodukte (Filtergewicht)	2.377,00 €/t

II. Für Systemteilnehmer, die gemäß § 9 Abs. 2 Z 3 der Verpackungsverordnung 2014 eine pauschale Lösung in Anspruch nehmen, ist ein Pauschalentgelt in der Höhe von € 29 für das In-Verkehr-Setzen der SUP-Verpackungen einzuheben. Voraussetzung dafür ist, dass die Pauschalmelder eine SUP-Verpackung in Verkehr setzen.

Cost compensation for single-use plastic products "Littering costs" on behalf of the VKS

The following cost reimbursements in accordance with Section 18a (1) and (3) of the Packaging Ordinance and surcharges in accordance with Section 9 (2a) of the Packaging Ordinance are collected **on behalf of and for the account of the Packaging Coordination Agency (Verpackungskoordinierungsstelle "VKS")** since 2023.

Single-use plastic products	Cost reimbursements/surcharges in € (excl. VAT)	
	From 1 January 2025	From 1 January 2026
Food containers	0.225/kg	0.368/kg
Bags and wrappers made from flexible material	0.225/kg	0.551/kg
Beverage containers – PET beverage bottles (not-deposited)	0.225/kg	0.271/kg
Beverage containers – other beverage bottles	0.225/kg	0.271/kg
Beverage containers – composite beverage cartons	0.225/kg	0.073/kg
Beverage cups	0.225/kg	1.274/kg
Wet wipes	0.225/kg	0.013/kg
Balloons	0.225/kg	0.152/kg
Very Lightweight plastic carrier bags	0.225/kg	0.622/kg
Tobacco products (weight of filter)	0.450/kg	2.377/kg
Flat-rate fee for single-use plastic packaging ¹⁾	13,-/year	29,-/year

¹⁾For system participants who place no more than 1,500 kg of household packaging and no more than 1,500 kg of commercial packaging on the market in a calendar year and who purchase the flat-rate packaging solution. Single-use plastic products (wet wipes, balloons, tobacco products) must be reported in kg and are not covered by the flat rate.