



Who are we?

Zero Waste City Pte Ltd is a consulting business specialised in waste reduction for commercial and industrial facilities. We help companies implementing cost-saving opportunities and provide guidance to achieve Zero Waste goals.

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What's the Mandatory Packaging Reporting Scheme?

Under the mandatory packaging reporting framework, producers of packaging and packaged products, such as brand owners, manufacturers, importers and retailers, will be required to submit annual reports to NEA on the types and amounts of packaging that they put on the Singapore market, and their 3R plans for packaging (i.e. plans to reduce, reuse and/or recycle packaging waste).

Who is affected?

Any business which:

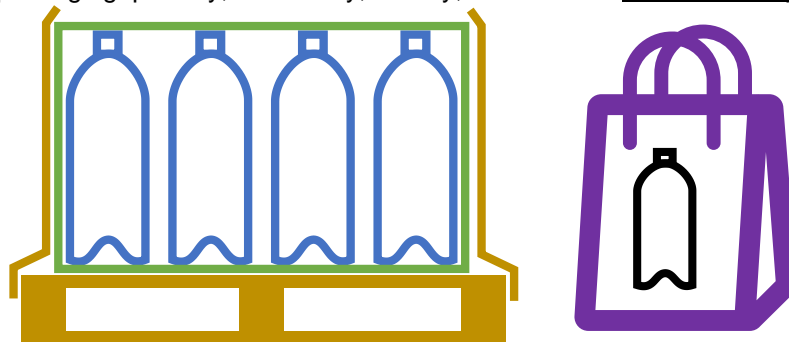
- Has a turnover >\$10M,
- Supplies regulated goods¹ in Singapore by:
 - Importing packaged goods, or
 - Using specified packaging.

Typically, this regulation will impact

- Importers of goods, packaging, and packaged goods
- Manufacturers of goods and packers registered in Singapore
- Brand owners registered in Singapore
- Retailers

What type of packaging must be reported?

There are 4 types of packaging: primary, secondary, tertiary, and service. All must be reported, except tertiary.



- **Primary packaging:** Packaging conceived to constitute a sales unit to the final user/consumer.
- **Secondary packaging:** Packaging conceived to constitute a grouping of a certain number of sales units, whether it is sold as such to the final user/consumer or whether it serves only as a means to replenish the shelves at the point-of-sales.
- **Tertiary packaging:** Packaging conceived to facilitate handling and transport of a number of sales units or grouped packaging in order to prevent physical handling and transport damage.
- **Service packaging:** Packaging which is filled at the point-of-sales.

¹ Any good is a regulated good except those excluded by the NEA (final list of exclusions to be published soon).

Reporting requirements

The affected businesses will be required to provide the following:



Packaging Data Report

Must include:

1. Quantity of specified packaging imported or used by the business and its franchisees;
2. Type and purpose of the specified packaging.

Company Name:	Sample of a packaging data report (from NEA presentation)		
Reporting Period*:	01-01-2022 to 31-12-2022		
Annual Turnover:	S\$10.1 million		
Packaging Material	Packaging Form	Further Details (Optional)	Weight (kg)
Plastic	Beverage bottles	PET	200
Plastic	Product packaging (rigid, excluding beverage bottle)	HDPE	400
Plastic	Product packaging (flexible)	LDPE	200
Composite	Others		200
Plastic	Carrier bags	LDPE	100
Paper	Carrier bags	Paper	200



3R Plan

Must include:

1. Strategy to reduce, re-use or recycle packaging in Singapore;
2. Implementation plan to measure the success of the proposed measures.

Other obligations

- Producers of packaging must keep and maintain complete and accurate records and make it available to an auditor.

Penalties

Up to \$5,000 on the first conviction.²

How can we help?

- Verify which piece of packaging will have to be reported;
- Preparation and submission of Packaging Data Report and 3R Plan;
- In collaboration with Label for Recycling, assessment of the recyclability of your packaging;
- Support in implementation of the 3R Plan;
- Application to the [3R Fund](#) for project implementation.

More information on the NEA's website [here](#).



² Resource Sustainability Bill, Section 20.4, <https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Bills-Supp/20-2019/Published/20190805?DocDate=20190805#pr20->