

PPWR Compliance Checklist

A practical guide to the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, application date August 2026

The EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) applies from August 2026. This checklist covers the core obligations relevant to flexible packaging — use it as a starting point to assess your own structures, not as a substitute for legal advice.

1. Design for Recycling

☐	Packaging structure assessed against Design for Recycling (DfR) grading criteria
☐	Multi-material laminates reviewed for mono-material alternatives
☐	Inks, adhesives, and coatings checked for recycling compatibility
☐	Non-functional layers or components identified and removed where possible
☐	Recyclability grade documented and retained for audit purposes

2. Restricted Substances

PFAS thresholds apply to packaging in contact with food:

☐	Per-substance PFAS level confirmed below 25 ppb
☐	Sum of PFAS substances confirmed below 250 ppb
☐	Total fluorine confirmed below 50 ppm
☐	Heavy metal limits (lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium) verified against PPWR thresholds
☐	Supplier declarations or test certificates obtained and filed

3. Minimisation & Fill Ratio

☐	Pack weight reviewed for down-gauging opportunities
☐	Pack dimensions matched to actual product volume (no oversized formats)
☐	Empty space / fill ratio checked against minimisation requirements
☐	Unnecessary packaging layers, void fill, or components eliminated

4. Recycled Content

☐	Current recycled content (PCR) percentage documented per SKU
☐	Recycled content targets reviewed against applicable category minimums
☐	Roadmap in place to increase recycled content where below target

5. Labelling & Conformity

☐	Conformity assessment procedure identified for each packaging type
☐	Technical documentation prepared and retained
☐	Harmonised labelling requirements reviewed (material composition, disposal instructions)
☐	Declaration of conformity drafted ahead of the August 2026 deadline

6. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

☐	Current EPR fee exposure calculated based on material type and recyclability grade
☐	Lower-fee material alternatives evaluated (mono-material, recycled content)
☐	Registration obligations confirmed in each relevant EU market
☐	Reporting processes in place ahead of compliance deadlines

Need help working through this checklist?

Tyler Packaging can review your current structures against PPWR requirements and recommend mono-material or recycled-content alternatives where needed.

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