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Report Highlights:

Germany transposed the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) into national law. This included naming the competent authority and establishing penalties for non-compliance.

The EU's Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation ([Regulation 2025/40](#)) (PPWR) aims to reduce packaging waste, increase recyclability and reuse, and support a circular economy. It updates the 1994 Packaging Directive and aims to harmonize the growing fragmentation of packaging rules in the EU that have become internal trade barriers that disrupt the single market. (Background: A regulation is binding for all member states while a directive provides for a goal (e.g. reduction of waste) and leaves it up to the member states to set rules for their territory to reach the goal.)

PPWR has been in force since January 2025 with staggered application dates for different provisions. Among other things, it requires everyone who puts packaging or packed products on the EU market to register with the competent authority of the member states where the product is sold.

For more details on PPWR please see GAIN report [European Union Finalizes New Rules for Packaging and Packaging Waste Reduction](#)

Transposition into German National Law

Germany transposed the PPWR into national law through the Packaging Law Implementation Act (*Verpackungsrecht-Durchführungsgesetz, VerpackDG*) (<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/verpackdg/VerpackDG.pdf> , German language only). This act replaced the Packaging Ordinance (*VerpackV*).

PPWR requires member states to name a national competent authority (article 40) and to set penalties for non-compliance (article 68). *VerpackDG* declares *Zentrale Stelle Verpackungsregister* (ZSVR) as the Competent Authority according to PPWR (§6 VerpackDG) and the institution that economic operators must register with. For details on the registration process please see: <https://www.verpackungsregister.org/en/> . ZSVR had also been the competent authority under the German *VerpackV*. Companies that were already registered under the *VerpackV* are considered automatically registered under *VerpackDG*. However, should there be any changes to company information that may result from the new regulation, these changes must be reported by November 12, 2026.

Additionally, *VerpackDG* details the following penalties for non-compliance (§66 and §67):

- Fine for failing to register: up to 100,000 Euro
- Fines for other offences: between 10,000 and 200,000 Euro
- Non-compliant product may be confiscated

Attachments:

No Attachments.