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Chemical substances in the packaging
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Requirements for chemical substances in the packaging (Art. 5)

- Obligation to minimize the **substances of concern**.
- Following the **concentration limits** for lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium.
- Following the specified concentration of **PFAS** in food packaging.

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Documentation
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Obligations of the manufacturer (Art. 15, par. 2 and 3)

Obligation to perform the **assessment procedure of conformity** with PPWR; to elaborate the **technical documentation** and the **EU declaration of conformity**.

Obligation to **keep** the technical documentation and the EU declaration of conformity:

- 5 years – single-use packaging,
- 10 years – reusable packaging.

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Labelling -PPWR-



Packaging label (Art. 15, par. 5 and 6)

Packaging identification obligation:

- Type number, batch number, serial number, other identification element.

If the packaging does not allow it → accompanying documentation.

Obligation of manufacturer identification data

- Name, trade name or trademark.
- Postal address.
- Electronic contact.

Options: packaging/QR code.

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Reuse systems (Art. 27)

Entities using reusable packaging:

- Involvement into the **reuse system**.
 - The packaging must be treated before being reoffered to the end user (*Annex VI, section B*).
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- Optional transfer of the responsibility for the reuse systems to the **third party**.
 - Closed-loop systems = packaging return to the approved **collection sites**.

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Refilling (Art. 28)

Entities offering the opportunity to purchase
the products by refilling:

- To provide **information** to the end-users:
 - Container types.
 - Hygienic standards.
 - Responsibility of the end-user.
 - To ensure that the premises meet the specified **requirements** (*Annex V, section C*).
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- If they provide **containers**, they should not be free or under a deposit system.
 - Possibility of **rejecting** an unhygienic container.
 - **They are not responsible** for food in the consumer's own containers.

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Environmental claims (Article 14)

Claims relating to the PPWR requirements may be displayed on packaging only if they meet the following requirements:

- Claims may only be made in relation to packaging properties, such as recyclability or recycled content, that **exceed the minimum regulatory requirements**. Compliance with the minimum requirements is mandatory and should not be presented as an environmental claim.
- The claim must clearly specify **which part of the packaging it applies to** (e.g. a packaging component, the packaging unit, or the entire packaging).

The accuracy of environmental claims must be substantiated by technical documentation.