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## Scope of Directive

This Directive applies to all packaging and packaging waste. It aims to increase the amount of packaging waste that is reused or recycled or incinerated at energy recovery facilities (facilities which extract and use the energy that is released when the packaging is burned).

## For text of Regulation refer


Note: There does not appear to be a consolidated version available

## Directive went into force

31\(^{st}\) December 1994

## Final implementation date for the Directive

30\(^{th}\) June 1996

## Other significant dates related to this Directive

The Packaging and Packing Waste Directive was amended as follows:

- **Directive: 2004/12/EC** went into force 18.02.2004 and was implemented in the Member States 18.05.2005.
- **Directive: 2005/20/EC** went into force 05.04.2005 and was implemented in the Member States 09.09.2006.

## The core requirements of this Directive are:

The Directive covers all packaging placed on the market in the Community and all packaging waste, wherever it is used or and regardless of the material used. Directive **2004/12/EC** (amending Directive **94/62/EC**) establishes criteria clarifying the definition of the term 'packaging'.

Clear examples are given in Annex I, which replaces Annex I to Directive **94/62/EC**.
Directive 94/62/EC requires Member States to take measures, which may include national programmes, to prevent the formation of packaging waste, and encourages them to develop packaging reuse systems.

The Member States are required to introduce systems for the return and/or collection of used packaging to attain the following targets:

- by no later than 30 June 2001, between 50 and 65% by weight of packaging waste to be recovered or incinerated at waste incineration plants with energy recovery;
- by no later than 31 December 2008, at least 60% by weight of packaging waste to be recovered or incinerated at waste incineration plants with energy recovery;
- by no later than 30 June 2001, between 25 and 45% by weight of the totality of packaging materials contained in packaging waste to be recycled (with a minimum of 15% by weight for each packaging material);
- by no later than 31 December 2008, between 55 and 80% by weight of packaging waste to be recycled;
- by no later than 31 December 2008 the following targets for materials contained in packaging waste must be attained: 60% by weight for glass, paper and board; 50% by weight for metals; 22.5% by weight for plastics and 15% by weight for wood.

This Directive does not require products to be “CE marked”

This Directive does not require special actions in respect of goods crossing EU borders.

### Significant impact on manufacturers

To give proper consideration to type of packaging used as well as minimising quantity.

Provide information as to type / amount of packaging used in accordance with National implementation measures

### Significant impact on installers / maintainers

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### Other useful links:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/packaging_index.htm

### Standards Underpinning the Directive:


The formats serve to harmonise the characteristics and presentation of data on packaging and packaging waste, making them compatible from one Member State to another. The data will be used to monitor attainment of the targets of Directive 94/62/EC. Data provision is only compulsory for the following packaging materials: glass, plastics, paper, board, wood and metals.

This Communication lists harmonised standards, their titles and references, as required by Directive **94/62/EC**.


Decision extended by: Commission Decision **2006/340/EC** [Official Journal L 125, 12.5.2006];

Commission Decision **1999/177/EC** of 8 February 1999 establishing the conditions for a derogation for plastic crates and plastic pallets in relation to the heavy metal concentration levels established in Directive **94/62/EC** on packaging and packaging waste [Official Journal L 56 of 4.3.1999].


The Decision establishes the numbering and abbreviations on which the identification system is based, indicating the nature of the packaging material(s) used and specifying which materials are subject to the identification system.

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<td>Greece</td>
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<td>Ireland</td>
<td>the presence of rural and mountain areas</td>
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<td>Portugal</td>
<td>the low level of packaging consumption</td>
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By virtue of their date of accession to the EU, targets for the following Member States may be postponed until the specified dates:

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