

## Self Compliance

If you undertake Self Compliance a Major Producer has a legal responsibility to:-

- i) Apply for registration to Monaghan County Council immediately or on the date of commencement of business, whichever is the later.
- ii) An application for registration must be accompanied by a fee equivalent to €15 per tonne of packaging material and packaging placed on the Irish market in the preceding twelve months. The minimum fee shall be not less than €500 and maximum fee shall be not more than €15,000.
- iii) Apply for renewal of registration not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> January in each year following initial registration.
- iv) Provide adequate facilities at each supplying premises for the acceptance, segregation and storage of packaging waste.
- v) Provide facilities at each supplying premises whereby customers may remove, segregate and deposit packaging from products or substances purchased at the premises.
- vi) Accept from any person, free of charge and at all reasonable times at each supplying premises any packaging waste relating to packaging material, packaging or packaged products of a type or brand supplied by that Major Producer and within a week of being requested to do so, collect or arrange for the collection of, from any producer to whom the major producer supplies packaging material, packaging or packaged products any packaging waste relating to packaging material, packaging or packaged products of a type of brand supplied by the Major Producer.
- vii) Notice of the availability of facilities for the acceptance, segregation and storage of packaging waste shall be advertised in a conspicuous position, at or near each entrance to each premises, in such a manner as to be clearly visible to members of the public.
- viii) A Major Producer, shall during the months of March and September each calendar year, publish in one or more newspapers circulating in the area in which its premises is situated, a notice advertising take back facilities and obligations and provide copies of these notices to Monaghan County Council within ten days of the date of publication of these notices.
- ix) A Major Producer shall prepare a three year implementation plan specifying the steps to be taken to comply with the regulations and including steps to prevent or minimise packaging waste. This plan must accompany the application for registration.

- x) A Major Producer shall prepare an Annual Report specifying the steps taken by the producer in the preceding registration period in respect of each type of packaging material. This Annual Report must accompany an application for renewal of registration.
- xi) A Major Producer shall within ten days of the end of each quarterly period compile, maintain and submit to Monaghan County Council quarterly reports. A Major Producer must retain for a period of 3 years such records as are necessary to verify the accuracy of the quarterly reports.
- xii) The following notices must be fixed and maintained in a conspicuous position:
  - 1) A notice advertising 'take back facilities'
  - 2) A notice advertising that a '3 year plan' is available on the premises by post, fax or email
  - 3) A notice advertising that 'an Annual Report' is available on the premises, by post, fax or email
- xiii) A Major Producer who is an importer of packaged products or is a packer/filler must ensure that in any quarterly period, the aggregate weight of packaging waste which is accepted, or collected for the purposes of recovery is not less than:
  - 1) 55% of the aggregate weight of packaging material and packaging imported or packed /filled and supplied by that Major Producer in the preceding quarterly period and
  - 2) That a minimum of 50% of the aggregate weight of packaging material and packaging imported or packed/ filled and supplied by that Major Producer in the preceding quarterly period is recovered by way of recycling until the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December of the current year.

The 55% recycling shall be where appropriate:

- 1) A minimum of 60% by weight of glass
- 2) 60% by weight for paper and board
- 3) 50% by weight for metals
- 4) 22.5% by weight for plastics
- 5) 15% by weight for wood