

THE PACKAGING TIMES

A NEWSLETTER OF THE PACKAGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME



SINGAPORE'S ZERO WASTE MASTERPLAN

With Singapore's only landfill, Semakau Landfill, projected to run out of space by 2035, there is an urgent need for Singapore to adopt a more circular economy approach in reducing waste, recovering resources and shifting towards greater sustainability in both production and consumption.

Businesses globally are now developing a growing consciousness of the need to do their part for the environment. In Singapore, the inaugural Zero Waste Masterplan was launched on 30 August 2019 which focuses on three priority waste streams: food waste and packaging waste (including plastics), both of which are generated in large quantities, as well as electrical and electronic waste (e-waste), which has a detrimental effect on the environment if not properly managed.

The Government is supporting the sustainable management of these three priority waste streams through a regulatory framework to promote resource sustainability.

FOCUSING ON PACKAGING WASTE

Packaging can be made from any material and is used to contain, protect, handle, deliver or present goods. However, it also makes up about one-third by weight of Singapore's domestic waste disposed of. As packaging is so commonly used, we need to find ways to reduce and consume them more sustainably.



Packaging waste constitutes about one-third by weight of **SINGAPORE'S DOMESTIC WASTE**

FACTS



Industry, government, consumers and community organisations **SHARE RESPONSIBILITY** to reduce packaging waste in Singapore

MANDATORY PACKAGING REPORTING (MPR) FRAMEWORK

In 2019, the landmark Resource Sustainability Act (RSA) was legislated to give effect to the Mandatory Packaging Reporting (MPR) framework. Through the RSA, the Government has mandated the reporting of packaging data and plans to reduce, reuse or recycle (3R) packaging. For a start, this applies to manufacturers and importers of packaged products, as well as retailers such as supermarkets with an annual turnover of more than \$10 million. Under the MPR framework, obligated companies will be required to

collect data on the types and amounts of packaging that they placed on the Singapore market starting from 2021 for annual submission to NEA together with their 3R plans.

The MPR aims to spur companies to take action to reduce the amount of packaging used and packaging waste disposed of. The MPR will also lay the foundation for the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework for managing packaging waste, including

plastics, to ensure companies take greater responsibility for the management of packaging waste from their products. A Deposit Refund Scheme (DRS) for beverage containers will be implemented by 2022 as the first phase of an EPR framework for packaging waste management.

Scan this QR code for more information on the RSA and MPR.



INTRODUCTION TO THE PACKAGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (PPP)

To continue the support to companies in their sustainable packaging waste management journey after the end of the Singapore Packaging Agreement (SPA) on 30 June 2020, the Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF) is in partnership with the National Environment

Agency (NEA) to introduce the Packaging Partnership Programme (PPP).

This Programme aims to implement outreach initiatives, share knowledge and industry best practices through workshops and trainings to stakeholders

of the various relevant industries (e.g. manufacturers, importers, service providers) in Singapore, to familiarise companies with the MPR requirements and to build industry capability in sustainable packaging waste management.



www.nea.gov.sg/SPA

The Logo for Products with Reduced Packaging (LPRP) is a voluntary eco-label to mark packaging of products that have undergone improvements to reduce the amount of packaging material used. Launched on 5 June 2017 at the World Environment Day, it was introduced under the SPA to enable consumers to identify products with reduced packaging and recognise

LOGO FOR PRODUCTS WITH REDUCED PACKAGING (LPRP)

companies that have made the effort to minimise packaging waste.

Companies that have taken proactive steps in reducing packaging waste may apply to have this logo on their products, subject to approval. Contact the PPP Secretariat to find out more.

Join as a PPP member today to pledge your support to reduce packaging waste in Singapore and receive updates relating to sustainable packaging waste management. To

join, simply scan the QR Code below and complete the PPP Membership Application Form. No membership fee is required to join the PPP.

For more information about the Packaging Partnership Programme, please contact the PPP Secretariat at 6826 3042. ■



Scan this QR Code to sign up as a PPP member.

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART TO REDUCE PACKAGING WASTE

Choose products with **LESS PACKAGING**



Choose products made out of **RECYCLABLE** packaging

Bring your own **REUSABLE BAGS** when shopping



REUSE PACKAGING wherever possible, and recycle them if they cannot be used anymore

Bring your own **REUSABLE CONTAINERS** for takeaways



PROVIDE FEEDBACK to manufacturers or retailers if you encounter excessive packaging

Buy only what is **NECESSARY**



In support of:

