

# THE PACKAGING TIMES

## A NEWSLETTER OF THE PACKAGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

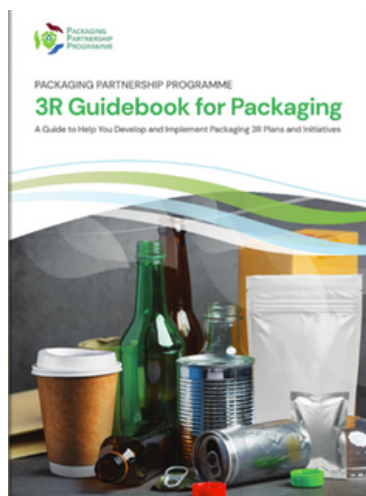
### SOLUTION PROVIDERS LISTING

The Packaging Partnership Programme (PPP) wishes to assist in connecting sustainable packaging solution providers with the PPP members and more. The aim is to aid companies in meeting their Mandatory Packaging Reporting (MPR) obligations and moving towards more sustainable packaging practices. A list of solution providers will be made available on the PPP website for PPP members and the general public to view, facilitating the search for suitable sustainable packaging solution providers.

The types of solutions that most PPP members are interested in are:

- Packaging using fewer materials
- Packaging material containing recycled content
- Reusable Packaging Model
- Packaging material with improved recyclability
- Training & consultancy services on packaging 3Rs

If you would like your company to be featured in this list, please scan the QR code and fill up the relevant solutions your company can provide, to help others pursue sustainable packaging practices.



### 3R GUIDEBOOK FOR PACKAGING

The Packaging Partnership Programme recently published the 3R Guidebook for Packaging. This guidebook will provide guidelines to assist companies/organisations in developing and implementing their own 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) plans and initiatives, to manage their packaging and packaging waste

This guidebook includes case studies from local organisations on a variety of subjects, including packaging collection for reuse, consumer outreach related to packaging 3Rs and improving the recyclability of packaging. The PPP would like to thank the contributing companies for their invaluable contributions and support in the creation of this guidebook, as well as improving the packaging of local organisations.

You may click on the image to view the sample or click on this link: <https://forms.gle/yxWo7UiuE9A2hRgZ> to download the full version.

### PACKAGING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME TRAINING #5 PREPARING FOR MANDATORY PACKAGING REPORTING (MPR)

The fifth PPP Training was held on 1 September 2021 to familiarise companies with the Mandatory Packaging Reporting (MPR) requirements, including the aim of the MPR and how companies can better prepare their reports and develop their 3R plans. Over 130 business representatives from various industries, such as packaging producers, food manufacturers, retailers and distributors, were virtually present. Ms Jasmine Tuan, Marketing Associate Director, and Ms Pek Hai Lin, Executive Director of Zero Waste SG, started off the training by presenting an overview of the policy studies regarding plastic packaging and how packaging redesign could minimise waste. Mr Eric Chng, Team Lead for Tembusu Asia Consulting's Urban Resilience Team, then presented an overview of the Mandatory Packaging Reporting requirements as well as the report's deliverables. He also offered advice to the attendees on how to comply with the requirements. To close, Mr Chee Yap, Executive Director of APAC Innovation & Development at Sealed Air Corporation, shared his insights on Life Cycle Analysis (LCA). Through the LCA, the reduction of packaging was found to be the most sustainable option. He urged businesses to prioritise the "Reduce" aspect by redesigning packaging in order to pursue sustainability throughout the entire supply chain.

Find out more about the PPP webinars via our website: <http://www.packaging-partnership.org.sg/>

## NEWLY ELECTED KEY APPOINTMENT HOLDERS



Mr Matt Kovac



Ms Lee Gee Chyn

### **Mr Matt Kovac**

Chairman, Advisory Committee of the Packaging Partnership Programme  
Executive Director, Food Industry Asia (FIA)

### **Ms Lee Gee Chyn**

Deputy Chairperson, Advisory Committee of the Packaging Partnership Programme  
Vice-chairperson of the Waste Management Sub-workgroup, F&B Industry Group, Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF)

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## MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

It is my honour and pleasure to be nominated as the new Chair of the PPP.

My sincerest gratitude goes to the outgoing chairman Ms Betty Tan for her hard work, commitment and leadership in helping to increase the number of PPP members during her term and etching a path to success from the beginning of the PPP.

I am also very grateful to Ms Lee Gee Chyn, from the Food and Beverages Industry Group of the Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF), who has been nominated alongside me as the deputy chair of the PPP. I look forward to working together with her in our bid to encourage more companies to join the PPP and reduce the amount of packaging waste.

Together with the rest of the Advisory Committee, we will continue on our journey to supporting the Singapore Government on its drive to reduce, reuse and recycle as much packaging material as possible to support the circular economy.

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## MANDATORY PACKAGING REPORTING (MPR) CLINIC WEBINAR

The session was held at the end of November 2021 to assist companies in their first MPR reporting obligation, which is due in the 1st quarter of 2022. An NEA officer Mr Nadeen Musawwir was present to answer questions from the attendees. Each session began with a short presentation and overview of the MPR, followed by a Q&A session to clear any doubts and concerns companies faced. A total of 12 one-hour sessions were held with up to 200 business representatives from over 100 companies, such as packaging producers, food manufacturers and retailers, virtually present. The presenter shared that the MPR aims to raise companies' awareness of the benefits of packaging reduction and to spur companies to reduce the amount of packaging used. It will lay the foundation for an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework for packaging waste management, which will be implemented no later than 2025.

Questions asked during the session included the reporting format, possible 3R plans, who should perform the reporting, as well as service providers which could assist in the reporting process. To read more on the MPR, you may access it with this link: <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/waste-management/mandatory-packaging-reporting>

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## SIGN UP AS A PPP MEMBER TODAY!

If you would like to find first-hand news about upcoming workshops and training, as well as the latest information on Mandatory Packaging Reporting, sign up as a PPP member by visiting our website: [www.packaging-partnership.org.sg](http://www.packaging-partnership.org.sg) or scanning the QR code below. Membership is free! Please email the Secretariat at [secretariat@packaging-partnership.org.sg](mailto:secretariat@packaging-partnership.org.sg) or call 6826 3042 for more information.

