

EPR for Packaging Quick Compliance Checklist

Step 1 – Check if you are obligated

- Turnover > £2 million
- Handle > 50 tonnes of packaging per year
- You are a brand owner, importer, distributor, seller, or packaging manufacturer

Step 2 – Collect packaging data

- Weight of each packaging item
- Material type (plastic, paper, glass, metal, wood, fibre composite)
- Format (box, film, lid, label, etc.)
- Recyclability status

Step 3 – Register & report

- Register with the Environment Agency (large producers)
- Submit data reports twice a year
- Keep data records for at least 4 years

Step 4 – Pay fees (if applicable)

- Understand EPR fee structure (material weight, recyclability)
- Budget for costs based on annual data

Step 5 – Prepare for labelling

- Follow new “Recycle” / “Do Not Recycle” guidance
- Apply correct labels before deadlines

Step 6 – Improve packaging choices

- Choose recyclable materials where possible
- Simplify designs (avoid mixed materials)
- Reduce excess packaging