

Packaging guidelines

The primary function of packaging is to protect products from damage during transport. While safeguarding product quality and reducing transportation damage is still a top priority for Hapro, we also realise that the use of product packaging contribute towards the depletion of the earth's natural resources as well as creating a significant waste management and - cost problem.

The following guidelines shall apply to all product packaging delivered to Hapro.

1. Reuse packaging

Return packaging systems should be established where this is likely to be more efficient in terms of the environment, cost and logistics.

2. Reduce packaging

Where return packaging systems are not creating the desired environmental or efficiency gain, Hapro encourage all suppliers to redesign existing packaging in order to reduce volume, materials complexity and toxic or harmful content. Hapro should be consulted before packaging already approved by Hapro is altered.

Packaging shall:

- be based primarily on already recycled material, preferably corrugated board or paper
- be easily source separated and consist of as few different material types as possible
- contain no banned or harmful substances or materials
- be directly suitable for either reuse, materials recovery, energy recovery or composting
- not contain chips, beans or other petroleum based shock-absorbers where this can be avoided. The use of paper-based packaging systems are encouraged.

Where products are delivered in bulk, individual packaging should be avoided where possible.

Further, Hapro encourage the use of either full or half-size EUR-pallets for transportation where possible. Non-standard pallets create a significant waste problem for Hapro.

3. Recycle packaging

All incoming one-way packaging will be source-separated by Hapro and recycled by authorised waste operators. In order to minimise the need for in-house primary waste handling in Hapro units and to reduce our common impact on the environment all suppliers are asked to design their packaging according to these guidelines.

Thank you for helping us.

Responsibility

The Logistics Manager at Hapro is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this guideline.