

GUIDE

# SUP PACKAGING

Single-use plastic packaging



[European Directive 2019/904](#), on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment, called the Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Directive, **was approved as part of the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy**. This directive is the instrument launched by the European Commission to shift towards a more circular plastics sector and to combat the pollution caused by certain plastic products.

This directive was incorporated into our legal system through [Law 7/2022 on Waste and Contaminated Soils for a Circular Economy](#), which lays out measures and obligations to encourage the reduction, reuse and recycling of single-use plastic packaging, as well as to promote more sustainable alternatives.

### What is a single-use plastic product?

Law 7/2022, Article 2 aa, defines single-use plastic products as:

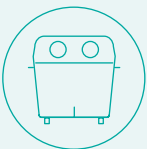
*"a product made wholly or partly of plastic and which has not been conceived, designed or placed on the market to complete, within its lifetime, multiple circuits or rotations by being returned to a producer to be refilled or reused for the same purpose for which it was conceived"*

### What are the economic implications?

With regard to the economic implications of this SUP packaging placed on the market, **Article 60 of Law 7/2022 states that the following costs apply to this packaging:**



**a** The costs of **awareness-raising** measures.



**b** The costs of waste **collection** for those products that are discarded via public collection systems, including **infrastructure** and its **operation**, and the subsequent transport and **treatment** of that waste.



**c** The costs of **cleaning up litter** resulting from those products, and its subsequent transport and processing.

These costs are reflected in the prices that are identified as SUP. These rates reflect, in addition to the cost of each material, the estimated cost applicable to this packaging. This rate is provisional and will be updated as new details become available through the assessments that made of the SUP packaging waste appearing in collections. All the prices can be viewed on our website [here](#).

Which SUP packaging is affected by the expansion of Extended Producer Responsibility?

**The Law sets out a series of measures and obligations related to SUP packaging.** However, in this guide we will focus only on those affected by the extension of the Extended Producer Responsibility, as reflected in Article 60 and specifically detailed in Annex IV, section F.

The following packaging is specified:



**1 FOOD CONTAINERS**

such as boxes, with or without a cover, used to contain food which:

- a) Is intended for immediate consumption, either on-the-spot or take-away.
- b) Is typically consumed from the container.
- c) Is ready to be consumed without any further preparation, such as cooking, boiling or heating; including food containers used for fast food or other meals ready for immediate consumption, except beverage containers, plates, packets and wrappers containing food.



**2 PACKAGING AND WRAPPERS**

made from flexible material containing food that is intended for immediate consumption from the packet or wrapper, without any further preparation.



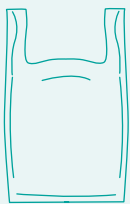
**3 BEVERAGE CONTAINERS WITH CAPACITIES OF UP TO THREE LITERS**

that is, receptacles used to contain liquids, such as beverage bottles including their caps and lids; and composite beverage packaging, including its caps and lids; but not glass or metal beverage containers that have caps and lids made from plastic.



**4 CUPS FOR BEVERAGES**

including their lids and caps.



**5 LIGHTWEIGHT PLASTIC BAGS**

as defined in RD 293/2018 of 18 May.

How is this SUP packaging identified on the Packaging Data Platform?



This legal basis has been used to define a series of criteria to identify the packaging that falls under this responsibility for single-use plastics. This section indicates which types of packaging and families would be affected.

It is very important to note that **SUP affects only the main element of the packaging, and caps and lids** (when made of plastic).

## 1. Product packaging

### 1.1. Packaging type

This section identifies the packaging categories of the **Waste Law** and their correspondence with the packaging types and product families on the **Packaging Data Platform**.

WASTE LAW	PACKAGING DATA PLATFORM		
CATEGORIES OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PACKAGING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	PACKAGING TYPE CODE	PRODUCT FAMILY
Plastic containers for food for immediate consumption and/or that are normally consumed in the container itself and/or are ready for consumption without any further preparation	Bottle	101	Families of products identified as foods for immediate consumption
	Aerosol	102	
	Jar, can, tub	103	
	Box, crate, packet	104	
	Case, sleeve	106	
	Drum, barrel, cylinder, carafe	110	
	Blister pack	111	
	Carton (packaging type)	112	
	Other packaging (tubes, ampoule/vial, bag-in-box, buckets, cornets, cartridges)	113	
	Tray, base, punnet	115	
	Tub	125	
	Cup	126	
	Plate	127	
	Lids, caps	118	
Flexible packaging and wrapping	Bag, sack, mesh	108	Families of products identified as foods for immediate consumption
	Sheet, film, flow pack	116	
	Envelope, skin pack	117	
	Pouch, doypack	130	
	Lids, caps	118	
Beverage containers with a capacity of up to three liters	Bottle	101	Families of products identified as beverages
	Drum, barrel, cylinder, carafe	110	
	Carton (packaging type)	112	
	Pouch, doypack	130	
	Other packaging (tubes, ampoule/vial, bag-in-box, buckets, cornets, cartridges)	113	
	Lids, caps	118	
Cups for beverages	Cup	126	Both foods for immediate consumption and beverage product families
	Lids, caps	118	

## 1.2. Product families: thresholds for defining single doses or individual use

### a) Foods for immediate consumption

For these families, the only food product families considered are those below the maximum volume determined as a single dose or individual portion for immediate consumption, which we indicate below:

FAMILIES OF PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED AS FOOD FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION		
CODE PRODUCT TYPE	TYPE OF PRODUCT	THRESHOLD PRODUCT WEIGHT
1700	Edible oils	≤ 50 g
2501	Baby foods	≤ 150 g
2502	Diet food and products	≤ 250 g
1203	Rice	≤ 200 g
1901	Powdered sugar or sugar cubes and sweeteners	≤ 10 g
0102	Industrial baked goods and Christmas products	≤ 200 g
0302	Coffee, chicory, malt	≤ 250 g
0701	Candy, lozenges, tablets, gummies, chewing gum, and similar items.	≤ 50 g
2301	Deli and salted and smoked meats	≤ 150 g
2401	Chips, crisps and other snacks	≤ 50 g
0601	Chocolate bars, tablets and for confectionery use	≤ 50 g
2300	Canned meats and pâtés	≤ 150 g
2200	Canned, salted or smoked fish	≤ 150 g
2100	Canned vegetables	≤ 250 g
1850	Pickled products	≤ 250 g
4222	Flan, creams, custards, other chilled dairy and cheese desserts	≤ 125 g
4500	Fresh fruits and vegetables	≤ 250 g
1201	Dried fruits and nuts	≤ 100 g
0100	Cookies	≤ 200 g
4101	Single-serving, family and bulk ice cream	≤ 200 g
0901	Condensed, concentrated, evaporated and powdered milk	≤ 30 g
4220	Butter	≤ 50 g
4204	Margarines or vegetable fats	≤ 50 g
1450	Mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard and ready-to-use sauces	≤ 25 g
2001	Jams, fruit preserves, compotes, jams, jellies, syrups, creams	≤ 25 g
2002	Honey	≤ 10 g

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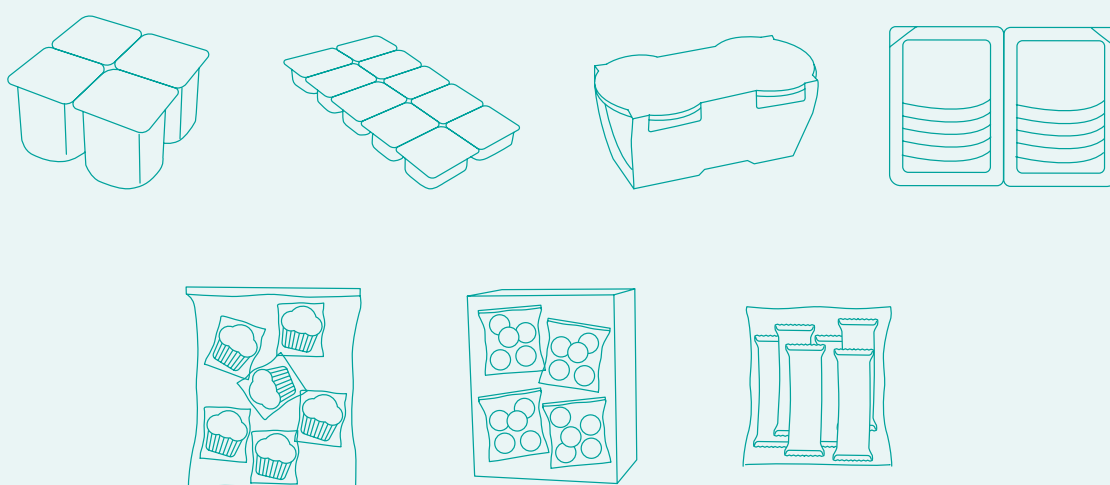
0101	Industrial baked goods	≤ 200 g
4001	Fresh breads and pastries, bakery items, and similar	≤ 200 g
0702	Fruit paste, candied fruit, glazed chestnuts	≤ 25 g
0704	Pastries and desserts	≤ 200 g
4703	Refrigerated pizzas, sandwiches, gazpachos, sauces, salads and potato omelets	≤ 250 g
4223	Non-refrigerated dairy desserts	≤ 125 g
0401	Powdered products and chocolate, cocoa, and similar spreads	≤ 50 g
4301	Whole cheeses, cut, melted, grated and cottage cheese	≤ 200 g
1401	Salt, condiments, spices, peppers and the like	≤ 10 g
1800	Vinegar and dressings	≤ 50 g
4202	Yogurt, bifidus and other refrigerated, fermented milks	≤ 125 g

## Exceptions

The following exceptions to the classification of packaging affected by SUP are established:

- Recital 12 of the Directive states **that containers containing portions of food** larger than individual portions, or containers with individual portions of food sold in several-unit format are not to be considered single-use plastic products for the purposes of that Directive. Therefore, the packaging of food products mentioned in the previous table may be declared "NON-SUP" if they are marketed in packs of several units. On the platform they are identified by default as "SUP" since it is not possible to distinguish whether the product is marketed individually or in a grouped manner. For cases of sale in packs, you can uncheck the 'SUP' check on the screen, or specify SUP = 'N' if the Excel upload template is used.

### Illustrative examples:



- In the following food product families, SUP does not apply to all the product categories contained therein. The exemption in the application of the SUP requires an additional level of information on the declaration to indicate the following categories:

CODE PRODUCT TYPE	FAMILY OF PRODUCT	PRODUCT
0302	Coffee, chicory, malt	Powder formats
4500	Fresh fruits and vegetables	Vegetables that require cooking
0901	Condensed, concentrated, evaporated and powdered milk	Powdered milk
0101	Industrial baked goods	Pizza bases and turnovers
4703	Refrigerated pizzas, sandwiches, gazpachos, sauces, salads and potato omelets	Refrigerated pizzas and potato omelets
4301	Whole cheeses, cut, melted, grated and cottage cheese	Spun pasta and grated cheeses
1401	Salt, condiments, spices, peppers and the like	Condiments and spices other than salt or peppers

The formats excluded from the application of the SUP for each of the families referred to on the previous table is indicated in Annex I of this guide.

## b) Beverages

In this case, the types of products and thresholds considered were:

FAMILIES OF PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED AS BEVERAGES		
CODE PRODUCT TYPE	TYPE OF PRODUCTS	THRESHOLD PRODUCT VOLUME
3300	Waters	≤ 3000 ml
3101	Beers	≤ 3000 ml
3001	Soft drinks	≤ 3000 ml
3002	Fruit juice, nectar and grape juice	≤ 3000 ml
3102	Ciders, cavas and other sparkling wines	≤ 3000 ml
3150	Spirits and liqueurs	≤ 3000 ml
3200	Wines, fortified wines, vermouth, sangrias	≤ 3000 ml
4201	Fresh and sterile milk	≤ 3000 ml
4210	Smoothies and lactose-free juices	≤ 3000 ml
4211	Horchata and similar plant-based beverages	≤ 3000 ml

## 2. Service packaging

For service packaging, the following categories and types of containers were considered:

WASTE LAW	PACKAGING DATA PLATFORM	
CATEGORIES OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PACKAGING	TYPE OF PACKAGING	CODE TYPE OF PACKAGING
Plastic containers to hold foods for immediate consumption and/or that are normally consumed in the container itself and/or are ready for consumption without any subsequent preparation	Bottle	101
	Jar, can, tub	103
	Box, crate, packet	104
	Tray, base, punnet	115
	Tub	125
	Cup	126
	Plate	127
	Lids, caps	118
Flexible packaging and wrapping	Sheet, film, flow pack	116
	Envelope, skin pack	117
	Pouch, doypack	130
	Lids, caps	118
Beverage containers with a capacity of up to three liters	Bottle	101
	Other packaging (tubes, ampoules/vials, bag-in-box, buckets, cones, cartridges)	113
	Lids, caps	118
Cups for beverages	Cup	126
	Lids, caps	118
Lightweight plastic bags	Bag distributed at shops (vest bag, section bag)	109

In the case of service packaging, since there is no information about the product it contains, it is assumed that the SUP applies to all of it (unless otherwise indicated on the platform). If the product contained in the packaging can be identified as not affected by the SUP, this field can be unchecked.



How will it appear on the Packaging Data Platform?

On the platform, the packaging elements that match these criteria will be identified as SUP in a field specifically provided for this purpose.

Plataforma de datos de envases

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Código de elemento de envase Ref. de elemento de envase

Tipo Consumo: Un solo uso ☒ Contribuye a SCRAP

Familia de envase: Botella ☒ Botella ☒ Detalle de envase

Destino de Envase: Doméstico ☒ Principal ☐ Rigidez: Rígido ☒

Espejor: - ☒ Rígido ☒

Peso envase (g): 30

Volumen envase (ml): 330

Uso: Elemento de envase: 1

% Reciclado: 25

Multimaterial: No ☒ Añadir desglose

Material: PLÁSTICOS PET ☒ Detalle Material

Color: Transparente o Light Blue ☒

Aditivos o recubrimientos: - ☒

AÑADE AQUÍ LOS DESGLOSES DEL MULTIMATERIAL.

☐ Peligroso ☒ SUP ☐ Biobasado ☒ Impuesto al plástico ☐ Compostable

## ANNEX I

## PRODUCT CATEGORIES EXCLUDED FROM SUP

## Exclusions for the "Coffee, chicory, malt" family

CODE PRODUCT TYPE	PRODUCT
0101020100	Coffee and substitutes_Soluble
0101020101	Coffee and substitutes_Soluble_Natural
0101020102	Coffee and substitutes_Soluble_Decaf
0101020103	Coffee and substitutes_Soluble_Specialties
0101020200	Coffee and substitutes_Ground
0101020201	Coffee and substitutes_Ground_Natural
0101020202	Coffee and substitutes_Ground_Mixed
0101020203	Coffee and substitutes_Ground_Torrefacto
0101020204	Coffee and substitutes_Ground_Decaf
0101020205	Coffee and substitutes_Ground_Specialties

## Exclusions for the "Fresh Fruits and Vegetables" family

CODE PRODUCT TYPE	PRODUCT
0206020102	Vegetables_Vegetables (Leaves and Stems)_Chard
0206020103	Vegetables_Vegetables (Leaves and stems)_Spinach
0206020104	Vegetables_Vegetables (Leaves and Stems)_Cabbage
0206020106	Vegetables_Vegetables (Leaves and stems)_Red cabbage
0206020108	Vegetables_Vegetables (Leaves and Stems)_Celery
0206020109	Vegetables_Vegetables (Leaves and stems)_Asparagus
0206020200	Vegetables_Inflorescences
0206020201	Vegetables and greens_Inflorescences_Cauliflower
0206020202	Vegetables_Inflorescences_Broccoli
0206020203	Vegetables_Flowers_Artichokes
0206020204	Vegetables_Inflorescences_Romanesco
0206020205	Vegetables_Inflorescences_Cabbage
0206020304	Vegetables_Vegetables_Zucchini
0206020305	Vegetables_Vegetables_Eggplant
0206020306	Vegetables and Fruits_Pumpkin
0206020307	Vegetables_Vegetables_Chilli
0206020308	Vegetables_Vegetables_Corn cob
0206020401	Vegetables_Green legumes with pods_Green beans

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0206020500	Vegetables_Tubers
0206020501	Vegetables_Tubers_Potatoes
0206020502	Vegetables_Tubers_Sweet potatoes_Sweet potatoes
0206020605	Vegetables_Roots_Other roots
0206020602	Vegetables_Roots_Turnips
0206020700	Vegetables_Mushrooms
0206020701	Vegetables and greens_Mushrooms
0206020702	Vegetables and greens_Mushrooms_Chanterelle - Caesar's mushroom
0206020703	Vegetables and greens_Mushrooms_Other mushrooms
0206020803	Vegetables_Bulbs_Garlics
0206020804	Vegetables and Greens_Bulbs_Garlic Shoots
0206020805	Vegetables_Bulbs_Leeks
0206020806	Vegetables_Bulbs_Rest of bulbs

### Exclusions for the "Condensed, concentrated, evaporated and powdered milk" family

CODE PRODUCT TYPE	PRODUCT
0103020200	Non-liquid milks_Powder
0103020201	Non-liquid milks_Powder_Whole
0103020202	Non-liquid milks_Powder_Skimmed and semi-skimmed
0103020300	Non-liquid milks_Dehydrated

### Exclusions for the "Industrial Baked Goods" family

CODE PRODUCT TYPE	PRODUCT
0302	Pizza bases and turnovers

### Exclusions for the "Pizzas, sandwiches, gazpachos, sauces, salads and tortillas" family

CODE PRODUCT TYPE	PRODUCT
0202060000	Cooked and precooked dishes_Pizzas
0202070100	Cooked and precooked dishes_Other_Potato omelets
0202070200	Cooked and precooked dishes_Other_Sauces

### Exclusions for the "Whole cheeses, cut, melted, grated and cottage cheese" family

CODE PRODUCT TYPE	PRODUCT
0209030000	Cheeses_Melted
0209030100	Cheese_Melted_Melted Bar
0209030101	Cheeses_Melted_Melted bar_Defatted
0209030102	Cheese_Melted_Melted Bar_Normal
0209030200	Cheeses_Melted_Melted in portions
0209030201	Cheeses_Melted_Melted in portions_Defatted
0209030202	Cheeses_Melted_Melted in portions_Normal
0209030300	Cheeses_Melted_Melted in slices
0209030301	Cheeses_Melted_Melted in slices_Defatted
0209030302	Cheeses_Melted_Melted in slices_Normal
0209030400	Cheeses_Melted_Melted creams
0209030401	Cheeses_Melted_Melted creams_Defatted
0209030402	Cheeses_Melted_Melted creams_Normal
0209110200	Cheeses_Grated_Melted (mixture)
0209110000	Grated_Cheeses
0209110100	Cheeses_Grated_Natural

### Exclusions for the "Salt, condiments, spices, peppers and the like" family

CODE PRODUCT TYPE	PRODUCT
0101090400	Salt, vinegar and spices_Flavour enhancers
0101090501	Salt, vinegar and spices_Spices_Paprika
0101090503	Salt, vinegar and spices_Spices_Cinnamon
0101090504	Salt, vinegar and spices_Spices_Colouring
0101090505	Salt, vinegar and spices_Spices_Other spices



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