

Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste¹ – PPWR

The regulation was published on 22 January 2025 and came into force on 11 February 2025. After a transitional period of 18 months, most of the provisions of the PPWR will take effect.

Restrictions on substances (Article 5)

In addition to the restrictions on heavy metals (lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg) and hexavalent chromium (Cr^{VI}) already existing in Directive 94/62/EC², limit for the concentration of PFAS must now be observed for food packaging from 12 August 2026.

4. The sum of the concentrations of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium resulting from substances present in packaging or packaging components shall not exceed 100 mg/kg
5. From 12 August 2026, food packaging shall not contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)³ in a concentration exceeding the following limits,
 - a) 25 ppb for any PFAS as measured with targeted PFAS analysis (polymeric PFAS excluded from quantification);
 - b) 250 ppb for the sum of PFAS measured as the sum of targeted PFAS analysis, where applicable with prior degradation of precursors (polymeric PFAS excluded from quantification); and
 - c) 50 ppm for PFASs (including polymeric PFAS);

This statement confirms that the evaluated products of Flint Group Europe are not manufactured by intentionally adding

- hazardous metal belonging to the group of cadmium (Cd), lead (Pb), mercury (Hg) and hexavalent chromium (Cr VI) or raw materials known to contain them.
These metals might be present as industrial impurities. The total concentration will not exceed 100 ppm (based on supplier's declarations).
The content meets also the limit defined in TPCH (Toxics in Packaging Clearing House – previously CONEG) Regulations in the United States.
- fluorinated substances or raw materials known to contain them.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC

² European Parliament and Council Directive 94/62/EC of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste

³ 'PFAS' means any substance that contains at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF₃-) or methylene (-CF₂-) carbon atom (without any H/C/Br/I attached to it), except substances that only contain the following structural elements: CF₃-X or X-CF₂-X', where X = -OR or -NRR' and X' = methyl (-CH₃), methylene (-CH₂-), an aromatic group, a carbonyl group (-C(O)-), -OR'', -SR'' or -NR''R'''; and where R/R'/R''/R''' is a hydrogen (-H), methyl (-CH₃), methylene (-CH₂-), an aromatic group or a carbonyl group (-C(O)-).

Recyclability (Article 6)

In future, all packaging must be recyclable.

These requirements will be defined more precisely by delegated legal acts and will come into force on 1 January 2030 or 2035 (large-scale recycling).

It is therefore not yet possible to provide information about the recyclability of packaging materials printed with the evaluated Flint products.

Please note

Applied ink and coatings cannot be recovered in the recycling process for subsequent reuse. Therefore, printed layers must be included in the "non-recyclable part" of packaging materials.

No recycled materials are used to manufacture for printing inks and related products of Flint Group Europe.

PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS STATEMENT

- Product List in Annex

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Annex

Products covered by this statement

Code	Product
KAAM-RH1U-01WA	0429/1.70 Roll x 1067mm X-treme
KAG2-RP6U-01WA	3001/1.70 Roll x 2150mm