

The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2003.

The Regulations.

These regulations legislate that packaging must comply with the levels of heavy metals content and recoverability. The sum of the concentration in packaging of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium must not exceed:

600ppm by 30 June 1998
200ppm by 30 June 1999
100ppm by 30 June 2001

Packaging must be recoverable by means of material recycling, energy recovery or composting.

Eastern Box Packaging Statement

Eastern Box Company does not intentionally add any heavy metals during the manufacturing or conversion process. We have written assurances from our suppliers that raw materials we buy comply with the heavy metals part of the regulations, and the testing of paper (virgin or recycled), packaging contains only a trace, (less than 20ppm) of these heavy metals (CPA Bulletin Number2).

Paper packaging is recoverable by recycling or energy recovery, this includes normal boards, master-shield, aqua-coat and all laminated kraft papers.

The company confirms that packaging products supplied by us comply with the regulations in respect of heavy metals and recoverability.

Other Aspects.

The other main aspect of the regulations is that "packaging volume and weight be limited to the adequate amount to maintain the necessary level of safety, hygiene and acceptance for the packed product and for the consumer".

This aspect can only really be assessed properly by the packer/filler of the packaging we supply (our customer), especially as the complete packaging system may contain other packaging too.

Eastern Box cannot therefore certify that our packaging meets this aspect of the regulations, though we always work with our clients to ensure their packaging is fit for purpose and not 'over-specified'.

In terms of how we pack the packaging we supply to our customers, we have assessed this and we do use the minimum amount of packaging necessary to get the product to our customers safely, undamaged and in good condition, also based on specific customer requirements for packaging and storage which differ from customer to customer. We continue to monitor this.



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