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What regulates marking?

Starting on 1 January 2025, Spanish law, through Art. 13 of RD 1055/2022, requires marking **domestic packaging** placed on the national market to indicate which bin, or **waste fraction**, the packaging must be deposited into, but it does not specify any logos or symbols that it must display.

It does not establish a specific format or symbol; only indicating that it must appear **on the packaging itself**, or on the label, be clearly **visible** and easily **legible**, and also be adequately durable and persistent, even after the packaging is opened.



Ministry

Additionally, **its reusability must be indicated**, and the symbol associated with the Deposit and Return System, when it has been designed, in order to inform consumers and manifest the companies' "circular" natures

Marking indicating membership in a **PRO** is now **optional**.



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What competences does Ecoembes have in terms of Markings?

-  Help **companies** interpret regulations to transfer recommendations to the network of clients
-  Dialogue with public administrations
-  Direct **companies** to review our Ministry-validated symbol handbook as one of their options
-  The authority to validate a symbol proposed by a company



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Main Q&A

Is the inclusion of the information via a QR code valid?

> The Ministry has stated that a QR code or any other digital marking is not clearly visible or easily readable by all consumers. Therefore, if this code or digital marking is used on packaging, it cannot replace marking with texts and images

If a company has packaging in multiple countries, does it have to comply with the marking obligations of all of them? Where can logos from other countries be accessed?

> Including the marking for Spain does not exempt a company from its obligation to include the marking mandatory in other countries (at this time there are no plans to harmonize this specific marking at the European level; however, the draft European packaging regulation does introduce obligations for labels on the composition of the materials in the packaging that will be linked with the future labelling on packaging).

Is small-format and single-dose packaging subject to the regulation?

> The Royal Decree does not establish a minimum packaging size for this regulation, so we understand that all packaging must comply, regardless of its size.

Can the logo be black and white, or does it have to be in color? Does it have to have text?

> As indicated in our symbol manual, the logo can be included in color, or black and white, indicating with text (or not) the bin in which the packaging must be deposited.

Can I include different languages within the same symbol?

> Yes. As long as the corresponding fraction is indicated for each of the countries where the product may be marketed, it is feasible to include multiple languages in the symbol (as long as it is legible).

Is there any measure that can facilitate the marking, or the transition to it?

> Yes, the Ministry has indicated that it would be feasible to put a sticker indicating the symbol or symbols on the outer body of the packaging.

Main Q&A

In the case of compostable plastic packaging...

> The marking is to indicate that the packaging is certified in accordance with the UNE EN 13432:2001 European standard, as well as other European and national standards on the compostability of plastics under industrial or biodegradation conditions through domestic and community composting, as appropriate.

Packaging that is compostable in domestic or industrial composting is to indicate "no abandonar en el entorno."

In cases of service packaging...

> The applicability of the regulation is similar to that of other domestic packaging.

Will there be penalties in the event of non-compliance with marking regulations?

> Failure to comply with the marking obligation is not expressly classified as an infraction by the Waste Act. Non-compliance could be interpreted as falling under the general type of infringement indicated in Article 108.4 d) of the Waste Act, which classifies as minor any infringement of the provisions of the Waste Act and its regulations when it is not classified as a very serious or serious infringement.

How does this regulation affect stocks?

> What will define whether packaging has to be marked or not will be its first release on the Spanish market. If this first release on the Spanish market comes before December 31, 2024, the marking will not be required. If its first release on the Spanish market falls after January 1, 2025, it will have to bear the marking.

Is there a minimum size required for marking?

> No. The minimum size, according to the legislation, is that which ensures that the marking is legible and understandable.

Also, more specific questions...

My packaging is very small; can I put several symbols together?
> Yes; there are no restrictions in that regard.

My packaging does not allow for printing; how can I mark it?

> The ministry allows marking with **a sticker** to facilitate adaptation to the standard.



If the materials **can be easily separated** by the user

- > The different bins will be indicated.
- > Ecoembes recommends using the corresponding symbol on each of the packaging's elements, whenever possible.
- > If it is not possible to incorporate the symbol on each element, the Symbols will be included on the main element (box, bottle, jar, glass, etc.) or the label



Ejemplo: pack yogures
 • Estructura de cartón: al **contenedor Azul**
 • Envase de plástico: al **contenedor Amarillo**
 • Tapa de plástico: al **contenedor Amarillo**



Ejemplo: pack galletas
 • Caja de cartón: al **contenedor Azul**
 • Envases de plástico: al **contenedor Amarillo**



Ejemplo: pack de salchichas
 • Etiqueta de cartón: al **contenedor Azul**
 • Envoltorio plástico de las salchichas: al **contenedor Amarillo**



If the materials **cannot be easily separated** by the user

- > The bin corresponding to the packaging's predominant material, by weight, will be indicated.

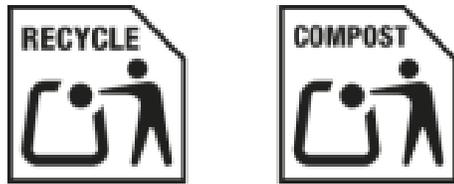


Ejemplo: aerosol

Ejemplo: multicapas

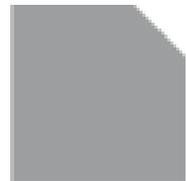
Ejemplo: brik de leche, zumo...

✓ Ecoembes Proposals for Marking the Fraction / Bin



No sales in the domestic market

Español / Inglés



Shape. Frames and makes the information on the recycling of the packaging recognizable.



Icon. The same for all packaging. Always included in the shape.



Message. Encourages the action and describes the colour of the container.



Colours. Same as the containers (optional but recommended).

HELVÉTICA NEUE LT Heavy Condensed
Helvética Neue LT Bold Condensed



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