



## SUP-products

in the scope of the SUP Directive are wholly or partially made from plastic and are single-use products.

Packaging belonging to the scope of application of the SUP Directive are classified in the following product groups:

- 1) Food container** = receptacle such as a box with or without a cover used to contain food which is intended for immediate consumption either on-the-spot or take-away, is typically consumed from the receptacle and is ready to be consumed without any further preparation such as cooking, boiling or heating, including food containers used for fast food or other meal ready for immediate consumption. The packaging is made wholly or partially from rigid plastic containing material.
- 2) Packet and wrapper made from flexible material** = packaging made from flexible material, containing food that is intended for immediate consumption from the packet or wrapper without any further preparation.
- 3) Beverage container** = capacity of up to 3 litres, used to contain liquid, such as beverage bottles including their caps and lids as well as composite beverage packaging including their caps and lids (not glass or metal beverage containers with a plastic cap/lid)
- 4) Light weight plastic carrier bags** = plastic carrier bags with thickness below 50 microns.
- 5) Cups for beverages** = bowl-shaped drinking vessel, that can contain a cover or lid and that can be sold empty or filled with a beverage.



The following documents are used to define the SUP products:




"SUPD" = Directive (EU) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment

"Guidelines" = Commission notice - Commission guidelines on single-use plastic products in accordance with Directive (EU) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment.

"Commission" = European Commission DG ENV:n email 23.7.2021: Answers to questions sent by Member States

This list of products has been discussed with the authorities 8/2022. Note that these guidelines may have to be amended considering the Commission further instructions and new national guidelines. The list will be updated.

Product	Picture	Is packaging SUP	SUP-product group	Note	Updated
Paper or cardboard based food container, beverage container or cup with plastic lining or plastic coating		Yes	Food container Packet/wrapper Beverage container Cup for beverages	Paints, inks and glues are excluded from SUPD, therefore other than a plastic end product, to which these are added, is excluded from SUPD (Guideline, p.5). Note that the use of paint/ink/glue is significant: if used to prevent e.g. liquid/fat to permeate the material, it is considered as a main structural component and the product is included in scope of SUPD. Varnish and silicon are not excluded from the scope of SUPD (Commission, questions 9 and 11.), therefore an end product coated with these belongs in the scope of SUPD.	
Cardboard packaging and cups for beverages without a separate plastic layer, but a liquid barrier achieved with aqueous dispersion based polymers		Yes	Food container Cup for beverages	Commission position in the Member States' Technical expert group meeting (TAC/SUP) 7.9.2022: "Products manufactured by aqueous dispersion technique are considered plastic and belong to the scope of the SUPD."	9.9.2022
Plastic caps for glass or metal beverage containers		No	-	Glass and metal beverage containers with a plastic cap or lid are excluded from SUPD (SUPD Annex parts C, E, F, G. Guideline p. 23, para 4.4.3).	
Milk/buttermilk/juice carton liquid container, e.g. 1 litre		Yes	Beverage container	Composite beverage packaging are single-use plastic products up to 3 litres (SUPD recitals para 12).	
Ice cream cone or ice cream bar wrapper containing plastic		Yes	Packet/Wrapper	Ice cream cone and icecream bar wrappers are included in <u>SUPD also when sold in multipack (Guideline p. 16)</u> .	
Plastic containing ice cream beaker (max 300 ml)		Yes	Food container	National authority guideline 5/2022: Ice cream beaker considered as SUP product up to 300 ml. SUP food containers which are sold as part of a multipack, are not included in scope of SUPD (SUPD recitals para 12).	
Plastic containing ice cream folded carton packaging (e.g. 1 litre), plastic box (e.g.900 ml) or beaker exceeding 300 ml		No	-	Product is not intended for immediate consumption on the spot or take away and it is not consumed directly from the receptacle (Guideline p. 11, definition of food container).	
Cottage cheese plastic beaker (eg. 200 g) or plastic box (e.g. 400 g)		No	-	Usually used for cooking	
Single-use plastic containing cup holder intended for take away serving		No	-	Not a SUP beverage container nor cup for beverage.	
Plastic tray without a cover, on which a ready-to-eat food portion is packed in a store/restaurant (covered with e.g. plastic stretch film).		Yes	Food container	If e.g. raw meat is packed on tray in store, it is not a SUP packaging.	
Plastic beaker with a) smoothie or b) fruit cuts		Yes	a) cup for beverage b) food container	On the basis of the contents of packaging the receptacle is either a SUP food container e.g. if it contains fruit cuts, or a cup for beverage e.g. if it contains a smoothie. If it is a cup for beverage, it must fulfil marking requirements. Guidelines, p. 29: If it is not clear when put on the market, whether the product is a food container or cup for beverage, the manufacturer must follow the Directive requirements for both types of products. Cup vs. food container definitions in the Commissions answers to Member States (Commission, questions 22 and 23).	

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Plastic fruit "kisel", pudding or youghurt beaker		Yes	Food container	Ready-to-eat dessert portion packaging is an SUP product.	
Fruit "kisel", pudding or youghurt beakers sold as a unit containing more than one single-serve portion		No	-	SUP food containers, sold as a unit containing more than one packaging are not in the scope of the SUPD (SUPD recitals para 12). Note that a packet/wrapper made of flexible material is an SUP product also when portions are sold in multipack (Guidelines p.16)	
Fruit "kisel" in 1 litre carton liquid container		No	-	Not a packaging from which the food is intended to be consumed immediately or as take away. Note that for beverages, carton liquid packaging (max. 3 litres) is in the scope of SUPD.	
Blueberry soup in 1 litre carton liquid container		No	-	National authority guideline 11/2022: Berry and fruit soup is considered as food not beverage. 1 litre carton liquid container for blueberrysoup is not a packaging from which the food is intended to be consumed immediately or as take away. Note that for beverages, carton liquid packaging (max. 3 litres) is in the scope of SUPD.	21.11.2022
Blueberry soup in 250 g carton liquid container		Yes	Food container	National authority guideline 11/2022: Plastic containing portion size packaging for berry and fruit soup is an SUP product and belongs to the group Food container.	21.11.2022
Blueberry soup in 250 g carton liquid container sold as a unit containing more than one single-serve portion		No	-	SUP food containers, sold as a unit containing more than one packaging are not in the scope of the SUPD (SUPD recitals para 12). Note that a packet/wrapper made of flexible material is an SUP product also when portions are sold in multipack (Guidelines p.16)	21.11.2022
Drinkable youghurt in a plastic bottle		Yes	Beverage container (beverage bottle)	Beverage bottle is a rigid beverage container with a narrow neck or mouth (Guidelines p. 29). Carton liquid packaging is an SUP beverage container, but not an SUP beverage bottle (Guidelines p.29: composite beverage packaging is a beverage container, not a beverage bottle). Plastic containing beverage containers are SUP products up to 3 litres (SUPD).	
Plastic box with tomatoes, fruit, berries max. 500 g		Yes	Food container	Limit of 500 g is a national authority guideline 5/2022.	
Selection of individually wrapped "snack cheese" portions in a rigid plastic sales packaging (e.g. 10 portions).		Yes	Food container		
Ready to eat tapas and antipasto assortment in plastic packaging		Yes	Food container	If products are packed in plastic containing packaging made of flexible material, the SUP product category is "packets/wrappers".	
Sliced cheese or cold cuts in plastic box and individually wrapped cheese slices in flexible packaging		No	-	See "snack cheese" and "tapas and antipasto assortment" where the packaging are SUP products.	
Bag made of plastic containing nuts		Yes	Packet/Wrapper		
Bag made of plastic containing chopped nuts		No	-	Product is intended for cooking.	
Pouch packaging for snack fruit puree		Yes	Food container	Guidelines p.28, table defines this as a food container (although p.30 it is stated that when the packaging material is flexible, it would be a "wrapper").	
Pouch packaging for juice/smoothie		Yes	Beverage container	See also Guideline p. 28 plastic multilayer pouch containing fruit puree.	
Plastic shopping bag		Yes	Lightweight plastic carrier bags	Plastic bags offered to consumers at point of sales of goods or products, with thickness below 50 microns. Guidelines p. 31-32.	
Small plastic bag (e.g. for packing fruit in stores)		Yes	Lightweight plastic carrier bags	Plastic bags offered to consumers at point of sales of goods or products, incl. Very lightweight plastic carrier bags (thickness below 15 microns) Guidelines p. 31-32.	
Single-use plastic free receptacle used to pack a take away meal, closed with a cover containing plastic e.g. a bagasse bowl used to pack a lunch sallad, including an rPET cover		Yes	Food container (receptacle + cover)	National authority guideline 5/2022: If a food container consisting of two separate parts, made of different materials, one part containing plastic, but that is sold as an entity e.g. for reasons of food hygiene; the totality of the food container is in the scope of the SUPD.	
Bag-in-box -tap packaging		Yes	Beverage container (box + pouch + tap + handle)	National authority guideline 5/2022: If a packaging consists of a plastic containing and a plastic free part and these together make up and entity put on the market, this packaging entity is in the scope of the SUPD. Beverage containers are SUP products up to 3 litres in volume.	

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Big bag of crisps		Yes	Packet/Wrapper	National authority guideline 5/2022: Wrappers made of flexible material such as a big bag of crisps, are in the scope of the SUPD. See Guidelines p. 16 table 4.3. category 3. Crisps and other snacks are SUP products and the 3 litre limit can be applied.	
Biscuit packaging made of flexible plastic containing material		Yes	Packet/Wrapper	See authority guideline under "bag of crisps".	
Paper-based bags containing plastic, intended for in-shop bakery products		Yes	Packet/Wrapper	National authority guideline 5/2022: Loose products sold from in-store bakeries, that are often packed by the consumer in a packaging containing plastic are in the scope of SUPD up to 3 litres. Note that regenerated cellulose film (cellophane) is not covered by the SUPD definition of plastic, whereas cellulose acetate is (Guidelines p.7).	
Plastic containing packaging for savory products packed by industry (savory pasties and pies etc.)		No	-	National authority guideline 5/2022: Savory products packed by industry in plastic containing packaging such as a plastic wrapper, can be considered to require heating. (ie. the food in the packaging is not considered ready-to-eat, therefore not an SUP product)	
Small sweet buns packed in plastic containing bag		Yes	Packet/Wrapper	National authority guideline 5/2022: Ready packed sweet pastries e.g. in plastic wrapper are in the scope of the SUPD. See also "Plastic containing packaging for savory products packed by industry".	
Sweet coffee bread loaf packed in plastic containing bag		No			
Industrially packed meatballs, pizzas etc. packaging containing plastic		No	-	Packed products are not ready-to-eat (must be heated before consumption).	
Sallad leaves packed in plastic box or bag (e.g. rucola, baby spinach, sallad mix) for preparing sallad		No	-	Not a packaging with food intended for immediate consumption or for take away.	
Sallad dressing/condiment etc. in a single portion plastic containing packaging		Yes	Packet/wrapper Food container	Packaging made wholly or partially of rigid plastic containing material => "food container". Note that if this is sold to consumers in packaging consisting of several "food containers"=> not an SUP product. Packaging made of flexible plastic containing material => "packet/wrapper". Note that if this is sold in a packaging consisting of several "packets/wrappers" => it is an SUP product.	
Sallad dressing/condiment etc. in a bottle containing plastic e.g. 345 ml		No			
Coffee milk/cream in a single portion packaging (e.g. 2 ml)		Yes	Beverage container	E.g. triangle carton 2ml. Guidelines p. 25 (table 4-7)	
Cream in 2 dl carton liquid packaging		No			
Fat spread such as margarine or butter in a plastic containing portion size packaging (e.g. 10 g)		Yes	Food container	Packaging made wholly or partially of plastic containing rigid material, sold as single portion is an "SUP food container" An individually wrapped portion of butter in a flexible plastic containing wrapper would be an "SUP packet/wrapper".	
Portion-sized fat spread packaging sold as a unit containing several packages		No	-	If a portion-sized fat spread packaging made from rigid plastic containing material is sold to consumers in a packaging containing more than one unit, it is not an SUP product. SUP food containers sold in multipack are not in the scope of SUPD (SUPD recitals para 12). If the portion-sized fat spread would be packed in a flexible plastic containing wrapper, sold in a packaging containing several fat spread portions, it would be an SUP product.	
Fat spread such as margarine in a plastic containing box e.g. 400 g.		No			
Juice contentrate in plastic bottle or cannister.		No	-	Product requires dilution before drinking, not an SUP-product. See guideline p.28	