

Instructions for filling the compensation form for service and grower packaging

Packaging data 2023



With the compensation form your company can receive a refund for recycling fees and business service fees for certain packaging reported on the basic declaration form (either the light or the detailed declaration form).

What packaging is reported on the compensation form?

Use the compensation form to report the service or grower packaging your company used for packing products in 2023 but did not manufacture in Finland or import to Finland. Please note that all service and grower packaging that your company used for packing products must also be reported on the basic declaration form (either the light or the detailed declaration form) and any SUP packaging also on the SUP form.

Which fees does the refund apply to?

Refunds will be granted for the 2024 recycling fees and business service fee on the basis of the packaging volumes reported in this form. SUP fees are not refundable.

Why do I need to fill in the compensation form?

The definition of service and grower packaging changed on 1 January 2024; under the new regulation, producer responsibility for these types of packaging lies with the Finnish manufacturer or importer of the empty packaging to Finland instead of the company that fills the packaging.

This year, these types of packaging are still reported by producers as defined under the previous definition (the company that filled the packaging). However, companies will not have to pay the 2024 fees for packaging for which they will no longer be responsible as of 1 January 2024. Service and grower packaging (for which the company will no longer be responsible under the producer responsibility scheme in 2024) must therefore be separated from the packaging volumes on which the recycling fee and business service fee are based. This is done using the compensation form.



What is SERVICE PACKAGING?

Service packaging is packaging used to pack food and other products at the point of sales directly to consumers.

Examples: shopping bags, bags for fruit and vegetables, take away food and beverage packaging; wrapping, bags and other packaging for loose sold bakery products, vegetables or meat and fish products provided at the point of sales.

Service packaging is used especially in retail trade and food business but also in other service business (a.o. hairdressers, dry cleaners) in industry (a.o. bakery outlets) and in culture and recreation (a.o. museums and sport centres).

Service packaging is mostly made of paper fibre, plastic and aluminium.

What is GROWER PACKAGING?

Grower packaging is packaging used for unprocessed agricultural and horticultural products sold directly from the holding. It is packaging used specifically by agricultural and horticultural businesses.

Unprocessed agricultural and horticultural products are products having undergone only simple physical treatment, which does not alter the character of the product (for example, rinsing, removing leaves, sorting and other such physical treatment). Packaging used for processed/treated agricultural products used by agricultural or horticultural holdings are not considered grower packaging.

Such processing/treatment includes e.g. drying (excluding grain drying), grinding, crushing, decorticating, freezing, cooking, cutting, animal processing from slaughter onwards, seed treatment and egg packing in an egg packing plant where eggs are marked and packed for consumers and mass caterers.

Packaging used by food industry, wholesale or packing centres to pack unprocessed agricultural and horticultural products are not considered grower packaging. For such packaging, the company that packs has producer responsibility.

Instructions for filling in the form:

1. First submit the basic packaging data declaration form (either the light or the detailed declaration form) to Rinki. You will then be able to fill in the compensation form for service and grower packaging.

- The form corresponds to either the light or the detailed declaration form, depending on which form you used to report packaging data.
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2. Go to the form. When you open the form for the first time, you will be asked if your company used service or grower packaging that is eligible for a refund.

- If you indicate that your company did use this type of packaging, you will be redirected to the form.
 - If your company did not use this type of packaging, please indicate this. In this case, you do not need to fill in the form.
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3. Use the compensation form to report service and grower packaging that your company used to pack products in 2023. You should not report any service or grower packaging that your company manufactured in Finland or imported to Finland. The refund does not apply to packaging manufactured or imported by your company.

- You can only enter packaging data on the compensation form in the same fields you entered data on the basic declaration form.
 - The volume of packaging that you enter in each field cannot exceed the volume entered in the corresponding field on the basic declaration form.
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4. Send the form to Rinki.



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