



PRESS RELEASE

CONAI: the EPR Fee environmental contribution for packaging in wood, plastic and glass and for paper-based composites is changing in July 2025.

MILAN, DECEMBER 2024 – In a situation of rapid economic change which is difficult to forecast long term, the **Rilegno**, **Corepla** and **Coreve** consortia have updated their balance sheets and consequent 2025 financial forecasts, requiring an increase in EPR Fee environmental contributions to ensure operational management. As occurred at the end of 2023, however differently for the various materials, in recent months we have witnessed a series of increases in the costs bound up with packaging waste collection and its consequent recycling, which is increasingly complex for some materials - in a general inflationary context. At the same time, above all in glass waste, post-consumption sales revenues are diminishing. In addition, the **Comieco** consortium has shown its intention of continuing on the path of fee modulation increasingly linked to the effective and certified recyclability of paper-based composite recycling.

CONAI has thus assessed and approved requests for **EPR Fee environmental (or EPR fee) contribution** adjustments and the basis set out by these consortia for packaging in wood, plastic and glass and predominantly paper-based composites.

All these changes come into force on **1st July 2025**, with a second increase for glass packaging EPR Fee expected **from 1st January 2026**.

Partly in view of expected trends for the second half of 2025 bound up with the renewal of the ANCI national agreement - recently extended for a further six months - CONAI will continue to monitor trends for the material chains affected by these adjustments.

Paper packaging

The diversification project for paper packaging, was initially launched specifically for paper-based composites for liquid containers (CPL) in order to improve the efficacy of complex cellulose-based packaging recycling, thereby consolidating and developing its collection and separation work with a view to obtaining a homogeneous flow of waste on which to base a specific recycling phase. At the same time important fee reductions have been brought in for non-liquid use composite packaging passing lab tests carried out in accordance with UNI 11743:2019 standards and whose recyclability levels have been assessed using the Aticelca® 501 assessment system¹.

¹ A voluntary recyclability assessment method based on laboratory tests carried out in accordance with UNI 11743:2019 standards which simulates the industrial working process of the paper needing recycling and analyses the main elements determining the recyclability of paper and cardboard products.



An additional fee (Extra EPR fee) was introduced for CPL in 2019, in fact, and then extended to other types of cellulose-based composite packaging in 2022: the resources deriving from Extra EPR fee were used to promote the introduction on to the market of easier-to-recycle composite packaging, incentivise the adoption of specific selection and recycling technologies and cover the greater energy and environmental costs deriving from the presence of non-cellulose elements in this specific type of packaging.

The current six **paper packaging levels** are being increased to **eight**.

The first level remains single-material packaging, and the second type-**A** composites whose paper component is 90-95% of the overall weight of the packaging.

The **B**-type composite level in which the weight of the paper component is 80-90% of packaging weight, which was previously exempt from fees, was split into two. One of these will be Aticelca® 501-certified B composites (**B1**) while the other (**B2**) will not be certified. At the end of a first experimentation phase adjustments may be made to the Extra EPR fee values for B-type composites.

A further level remains specific to **CPL**.

The **C**-type composite level, with a 60-80% paper component, is also being split into two: Aticelca® 501 C certified as **C1** and non-certified C packaging, **C2**.

Lastly, a final level remains specific to **D**-type composites whose paper component is less than 60% of overall packaging weight or unspecified.

These are the changes and the new Extra EPR fee values with reductions specific to certified B1 and C1 composites.

Fee level	EPR fee	Total value of the EPR fee	
		current (€/t)	from July 2025 (€/t)
Level 1- Single-material	Base	65.00	65.00
Level 2- type A composites	Base	65.00	65.00
Level 3.1- B1-type composites (CERTIFIED)	Base + Extra EPR fee type B1	65.00	65.00 + 10.00
Level 3.2- B2-type composites (UNCERTIFIED)	Base + Extra EPR fee type B2	65.00	65.00 + 25.00
Level 4 - CPL	Base + Extra EPR fee CPL	65.00 + 20.00	65.00 + 70.00
Level 5.1 - type C1 composites (CERTIFIED)	Base + Extra EPR fee type C1	65.00 + 110.00	65.00 + 65.00
Level 5.2 - type C2 composites (UNCERTIFIED)	Base + Extra EPR fee type C2	65.00 + 110.00	65.00 + 110.00
Level 6 - type D	Base + Extra EPR fee type D	65.00 + 240.00	65.00 + 240.00

An experimentation period of one year is foreseen for the extension of this diversification project as well as an initial results and economics assessment phase after six months.



CONAI and Comieco guidelines for the correct application of the new criteria by companies will be coming out shortly and these will potentially include exemptions for firms issuing minimal volumes of composite packaging onto the market.

Wood packaging

EPR Fee environmental contribution increases from 7 €/tonnes to **9 €/ tonnes** for wood packaging have been agreed, in order to ensure the financial and asset balance sheet of the Rilegno consortium remains viable. This increase is part of a long-term Consortium economic and financial pathway.

Plastic packaging

In 2024 Corepla recorded an extraordinary increase in plastic end-of-life packaging in separate collection (an estimated +4.6% over the whole year) with a significant impact on further management phases such as selection and sending to recycling (with increasingly complex components and experiments under way) or for energy recovery. It is a positive note in environmental terms, considering the need for continued capture rate increases - including by means of selective bottle collection - in the light of new goals which will soon be required of EU member states.

Average auction prices have had a positive effect on revenues and, at the same time, EPR fee revenues are in line with budgets, but unpredictable increases in volumes of waste managed by consortia in the whole of 2024 made adjustments to the EPR Fee environmental contribution for plastic packaging necessary.

For 2025, the nine levels in effect since 2023 remain confirmed, with values increasingly linked to the costs required to send the types of packaging included in each level for recycling. Six levels recorded increases and three a slight reduction, expressing chain deficits (balance between costs and potential revenues involved in sending these for recycling), once again starting from 1 July 2025.

For level **A1.1** the EPR fee will increase from 24.00 €/tonne to **40.00 €/ tonne**.

For level **A1.2** the EPR fee will decrease from 90.00 €/tonne to **87.00 €/ tonne**.

For **A2** from 220.00 €/tonne to **258.00 €/ tonne**.

For **B1.1** from 224.00 €/tonne to **219.00 €/ tonne**.

For **B1.2*** from 233.00 €/tonne to **228.00 €/ tonne**.

For **B2.1** from 441.00 €/tonne to **611.00 €/ tonne**.

For **B2.2** from 589.00 €/tonne to **724.00 €/ tonne**.

For **B2.3** from 650.00 €/tonne to **785.00 €/ tonne**.

For **C**, lastly, from 655.00 €/tonne to **790.00 €/ tonne**.



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Further news regarding the updating of the Corepla auction regulations for PET bottles (level B1.2)

Pursuant to article 6, section 4 of EU legislative decree 196/2021 harmonising EU Directive 2019/904 (known as the SUP Directive), beginning in 2025 PET drinks bottles will have to contain at least 25% recycled plastic as an average for all the PET bottles issued onto the national market. Section 5 of the article requires competent EPR systems (including Corepla) to ensure that drinks bottle producers post-consumption materials are returned, setting out quotas for return and return methods, with a view to achieving recycled plastic use targets.

As a first form of compliance with this regulation, in March 2022 Corepla modified its regulations to extend the opportunity for accreditation for the sale at auction of post-consumption liquid containers in PET deriving from separate collection and separation (hereafter CPL PET) to bottlers - both Corepla consortium members and otherwise, but in any case with bottles subject to EPR fee - in specific conditions.

As this initial change neither affords bottlers effective guarantees that they will recover CPL PET, nor sets out percentage quotas as set out in the regulations cited above, Corepla is making further changes to the regulations.

This information was supplied by Corepla to interested bottling consortium members while non-members were notified via sector associations (Assobibe, Assolatte, Mineracqua and Unionfood).

For the contents of the information: www.corepla.it/news/adeguamento-del-regolamento-aste-corepla/

Glass packaging

The glass EPR Fee environmental contribution will increase from 15 €/tonne to **35 €/tonne** from June 2025 and to **40 €/tonne** from 1st January 2026. This important measure is designed to ensure minimum revenues to support operational and recycling work. The Coreve consortium has reported constant reductions in revenues from material sales, aggravated by a drop in average auction prices, down by a quarter in the last October auction as compared to the start of 2024. A large volume of glass packaging waste returns to consortium management has also occurred, specifically relating to glass waste trends, leading to higher operational costs.

This trend, together with other factors equally typical of glass waste market specificities, has led to an unexpected and sudden worsening in economic results for 2024, prompting a need to intervene in 2025.

Simplified import procedures

This readjustment will also have an effect on the flat rate/simplified procedures for filled packaging imports. The fee via **flat-rate calculation on the weight of imported goods' packaging only (tare)** (total weight without material distinction) will increase from the current 98.00 to **114.00 €/tonne from 1 July 2025**.

From the same date the rate to be applied to the total value of imports (in euros) for **packaged food products** will increase from 0.15% to **0.17%** and for **packaged non-food products** from 0.08% to **0.09%**.



The flat rate fees/rates will thus be as follows:

Procedure	Current	From 1 July 2025
"Tare" flat rate - €/tonne	98.00	114.00
Simplified "by value" (for food products) - %	0.15	0.17
Simplified "by value" (for NON-food products) - %	0.08	0.09

The new values of the other simplified procedures will soon be available on the CONAI website.

For any questions and clarifications, please call the toll free number 800337799 or write to the email address infocontributo@conai.org.

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