

European Parliament and Council Directive 94/62/EC of  
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*Article 11*

**Concentration levels of heavy metals present in packaging**

1 Member States shall ensure that the sum of concentration levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium present in packaging or packaging components shall not exceed the following:

- 600 ppm by weight two years after the date referred to in Article 22 (i);
- 250 ppm by weight three years after the date referred to in Article 22 (i);
- 100 ppm by weight five years after the date referred to in Article 22 (i).

2 The concentration levels referred to in paragraph 1 shall not apply to packaging entirely made of lead crystal glass as defined in Directive 69/493/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>.

3 The Commission shall, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 21, determine:

- the conditions under which the above concentration levels will not apply to recycled materials and to product loops which are in a closed and controlled chain,
- the types of packaging which are exempted from the requirement referred to in paragraph 1, third indent.

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- (1) [OJ No L 326, 29. 12. 1969, p. 36.](#)