

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1640

The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015

PART 3

General Requirements

General duty relating to the placing on the market of packaging

4.—^{F1}(1) A responsible person must not place any packaging on the [^{F2}Northern Ireland or]^{F1}market of Great Britain] unless it complies with the essential requirements.

(2) Reused packaging is not considered to be placed on the market for the purposes of this regulation.

^{F3}(3) Packaging complies with the essential requirements if it—

- (a) satisfies a harmonised standard; or
- (b) where there are no harmonised standards, satisfies a recognised quality standard.]

^{F4}(4) In paragraph (3)—

“harmonised standard” means a harmonising standard produced by the Comité Européen de Normalisation (CEN), which—

- (a) relates to packaging and packaging waste; and
- (b) is published in (and not withdrawn from) the Official Journal of the European Union;

“recognised quality standard” means a standard produced by a member State—

- (a) that relates to packaging and packaging waste; and
- (b) the reference number to which is published in (and not withdrawn from) the Official Journal of the European Union.]

F1 Words in reg. 4(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by S.I. 2019/188, **reg. 20(5)(a)** (as substituted by The Waste and Environmental Permitting etc. (Legislative Functions and Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1540), regs. 1(3), **11(13)(b)**)

F2 Words in reg. 4(1) inserted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Hazardous Substances and Packaging (Legislative Functions and Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1647), regs. 1(3), **15(4)**

F3 Reg. 4(3) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/188), regs. 1(2)(b), **20(5)(b)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1540, regs. 1(2), 11(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

F4 Reg. 4(4) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Waste (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/188), regs. 1(2)(b), **20(5)(b)** (as amended by S.I. 2020/1540, regs. 1(2), 11(2)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015, Section 4.