

EU PACKAGING AND PACKAGING WASTE REGULATION STATEMENT

Hibiscus PLC supplies labels, hazard communication products, label printing systems, software, training and consultancy services to customers operating in the chemical, industrial and dangerous goods supply chains.

The EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, Regulation (EU) 2025/40, introduces requirements for packaging placed on the EU market, including recyclability, recycled content, packaging minimisation, labelling, restricted substances and supporting documentation. PPWR also includes specific exclusions and derogations for certain packaging applications, including packaging used for the transport of dangerous goods in accordance with Directive 2008/68/EC.

Where Hibiscus products are used by a customer as part of a packaging system, it remains the responsibility of the customer, packer, brand owner, importer, distributor or final article manufacturer to determine the status and compliance of the final packaging article placed on the market. This includes determining whether the final packaging article falls within PPWR scope, whether any dangerous goods transport derogation applies and whether the final packaging article meets applicable requirements relating to recyclability, recycled content, reuse, labelling, restricted substances and waste reporting.

Hibiscus PLC does not place the customer's final packaging article on the market and does not control the customer's packaging format, filled product, market placement, transport classification, end-use application or disposal route. Any information provided by Hibiscus is intended to support customer regulatory review and supplier assurance activity and should not be interpreted as a full PPWR compliance assessment for the customer's finished packaging article.

In relation to substances of concern, Hibiscus PLC does not intentionally add per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) during its internal label conversion or supply processes. Where product-specific supplier information is held on file, Hibiscus can provide customer-facing declarations based on supplier evidence and current product knowledge, including information relating to PFAS, heavy metals, REACH Candidate List Substances of Very High Concern, persistent organic pollutants and other restricted substance areas.

Unless expressly confirmed separately in writing, Hibiscus PLC does not claim that independent analytical testing has been carried out by Hibiscus on every finished label product, material stream, adhesive, ink, coating, over-laminate or packaging application.

Product-specific statements may be issued where appropriate, including for LASER PE label products, gloss/matt thermal transfer label products, Hibiscus Aquajet products for use with Epson ColorWorks printers and other product streams where supplier evidence is available.

This statement is provided for general customer assurance purposes only. It does not constitute legal advice, a guarantee of compliance for any final packaging article, or confirmation that any customer packaging format qualifies for an exemption or derogation under PPWR.

For and on behalf of Hibiscus PLC



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