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PLASTIC PACKAGING TAX

The tax came into force on 1 April 2022 and is charged at a rate of:

- £200 per tonne from 1 April 2022
- £210.82 per tonne from 1 April 2023

Who should register?

You must register for Plastic Packaging Tax if you:

- expect to import into the UK or manufacture in the UK 10 tonnes or more of finished plastic packaging components in the next 30 days
- have imported into the UK or manufactured in the UK 10 tonnes or more of finished plastic packaging components in the last 12 months

This includes non-resident taxpayers who import into the UK on their own behalf, or manufacture finished plastic packaging components in the UK.

If you're a partnership or other unincorporated body

You must register if at least one partner (or person carrying out business) will manufacture or import 10 or more tonnes of finished plastic packaging components in the next 30 days or in the last 12 months.

All members will then be jointly and severally liable for Plastic Packaging Tax.

If you need to authorise an agent to act on your behalf

You must first register yourself for Plastic Packaging Tax before an agent can be authorised to act on your behalf. They cannot register for you.

Once you have registered, they can find out how to get authorised.





After you've registered

If you need to complete a Plastic Packaging Tax return, you must make sure that you keep records and accounts.

If your circumstances change or you have entered wrong information

You will need to access the online service to amend the information within 30 days of either the day:

- you discover that the original information you provided is wrong
- your circumstances changed

What you'll need:

You'll need to give one of the following pieces of information about the estimated weight of finished plastic packaging components. The amount you:

- expect to manufacture or import in the next 12 months
- have manufactured or imported in the last 12 months
- expect to manufacture or import in the next 30 days

You'll also need:

- your business type
- the address and contact details of the person or business you're registering
- a customer reference number, which could be:
 - the company registration number if you're registering a company
 - your National Insurance number and Self Assessment Unique Taxpayer Reference
 - a charity registration number
- the Government Gateway user ID and password of the person or organisation you're registering — if you do not have a user ID, you can create one when you register

You may be asked questions about the tax records of the person or business when registering.

Packaging subject to the tax

There are 2 types of plastic packaging subject to the tax. These are packaging designed to be suitable for:

- use in the supply chain
- single use by the consumer

If your packaging is made up of several packaging components, you must account for Plastic Packaging Tax on each component.

Individual packaging components are generally manufactured separately before being assembled into a packaging unit. Examples include:

- bottles, caps and labels are manufactured separately before being assembled to make packaging units for drinks and liquids
- trays, boxes and plastic windows are manufactured separately before being assembled to make packaging units for certain foods, such as pies and cakes

Packaging exempt from the tax

There are 4 categories of packaging exempt from the tax. They are products:

- used for the immediate packaging of licensed human medicine
- permanently recorded as set aside for non-packaging use
- used as transport packaging to import multiple goods safely into the UK
- used in aircraft, ship and rail goods stores

Exempt packaging which counts towards the 10-tonne threshold for registration

Plastic packaging used for human medicinal products, and plastic packaging permanently recorded as set aside for non-packaging use, must be included when working out the total weight of packaging manufactured or imported.



Packaging excluded from the tax

There are 3 types of products excluded from the tax. These do not need to be included when working out the total weight of packaging manufactured or imported.

They are products which are designed to be:

- used in the long-term storage of goods
- an integral part of the goods
- reused for the presentation of goods

When to submit your return

Once you have met the 10-tonne threshold and registered your liability for Plastic Packaging Tax you'll need to submit a return to HMRC 4 times a year.

Your returns must cover an accounting period. The accounting periods are:

- 1 April to 30 June
- 1 July to 30 September
- 1 October to 31 December
- 1 January to 31 March

You must submit the return and pay any tax due no later than the last working day of the month following the end of the accounting period you are reporting. For example, your return for the accounting period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 must be submitted to HMRC on or before Friday 29 July 2022.

When you can get relief

You may be able to get tax relief if you manufacture or import finished plastic packaging components and you:

- export them in the same accounting period
- intend to export them in the next 12 months
- have paid tax on them but later export them or convert them into different chargeable plastic packaging components
- have evidence another business has exported or converted them

You must be registered for the tax to get relief.

For more details on the plastic packaging tax, please contact us.



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