

## Acknowledged methodologies

An increasing number of trade bodies, compliance schemes, consultants etc are generating methodologies, protocols etc to assist in the determination of a producers packaging obligation. The Agencies recognises that such methodologies can be beneficial when there are justifiable reasons within the industry sector concerned e.g. large number of products with highly variable packaging associated with the products.

Where such methodologies, protocols etc are used, we will continue to require that data is as accurate as reasonably possible. Thus any methodology, system etc which is initially acknowledged by the agency will have to be periodically reviewed with regard to the accuracy of the packaging data they generate.

The Agencies when presented with such methodologies, systems etc will review them and if we consider them justified and that they provide data which is considered as accurate as reasonably possible for that sector we will 'acknowledge' them. In so doing this will provide Agency Area staff with the confirmation that when used as prescribed, resulting data will be acceptable. This will be subject to Area Officers verifying the correct use of the methodology and that any supporting information (e.g. sales data) is correct.

The Agencies will not agree or endorse methodologies, protocols etc.

The attached table provides a summary of those methodologies, systems etc that have been acknowledged by the Agencies. The list is definitive – i.e. anything not included here has not been reviewed or acknowledged at a national level.

Companies may develop methodologies for their own use, or for a group of companies. The fact that they have not been presented to the Agencies does not mean that they are not valid. In such circumstances the Area Officer should review them as part of the normal compliance monitoring process.

Historically there have also been a number of agreements reached over percentages of packaging waste in material being sent for reprocessing. These were originally incorporated into Explanatory Notes (ENs) and are now detailed in our external guidance on accreditation of reprocessors and exporters (Ref. ACC-GN01).

Owner	Name	Target business sector	Status	Expiry date	Comments
Horticultural Trade Association (HTA)	HTA Workbook	Horticultural	Current	Annually reviewed	Workbook revised for 2008.
Timber Trade Federation		Timber merchants 507kg/m <sup>3</sup> Timber suppliers usually measure wood in terms of volume, and the 507kg can thus be applied to convert volume to tonnage	Current	No agreed date	Standard weight agreed for wood used for packaging – 507kg/m <sup>3</sup> .
PAPCO	PAPCO Matrix	Paper merchants	Current	Continue to accept	Provides standard weights for packed paper products.
Biffpack	Co-efficient for Builders Merchants	Builders Merchants	Current	Reviewed in 2009.	Provides a series of co-efficient for product groups.
Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI) (formerly Corrugated Packaging Association - CPA)		Corrugated paper converters	Current	Annually reviewed (2007 figure was 28.5%)	3 <sup>rd</sup> party export percentage = 35.6%. Covers packaging exported with products and exported as a product.
Fresh Produce Consortium		Fresh produce importers	Current	Annually reviewed – 11 <sup>th</sup> edition January 2009 – available from EMTS on request	Ready reckoner style workbook. Improvements made on annual basis.
Valpak	Valpak Data Solutions	wide range of clients but mainly in the retail sectors	Current - reviewed Oct 08	N/A	The system has an acceptable methodology for generating packaging weight data. As such we have no concerns on the application of the methodology for generating producer data for the 2009 registration round.
DHL	Packaging Data Store	Grocery sector – but expanding	Current - reviewed Oct 08	N/A	The system has an acceptable methodology for generating packaging weight data. As such

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British Glass		Glass container manufacturers	Current	Continue to accept		Range of percentages agreed for 3 <sup>rd</sup> party exports of glass containers.
British Glass – Beers 11%; Food 5%; Spirits 83%; Flavoured Alcoholic Beverages (FABs) 8%; Pharmaceutical 40%; Wine 2%; Soft drinks 0.03%; Cider 7%; Dairy 0%						