

Packaging guidelines

The primary purpose of packing is to protect products from damage during transport. While ensuring product quality and reducing transport damage remains a top priority for Hapro, we also recognize that the use of packaging leads to the exhaustion of the Earth's natural resources as well as contributing to waste management / waste disposal and costs around this.

The following guidelines shall be considered when it comes to all packing of goods to be delivered to Hapro:

1. Packaging

Packaging systems should be established, regarding the environment and waste management.

2. Reduction of packaging

Hapro encourages all suppliers to change existing packaging to reduce packaging volume, material complexity and toxicity / environmentally harmful substances. Hapro must be contacted before packing methods already approved by Hapro, are changed.

Packaging must:

- primarily be based on recycled materials, preferably corrugated cardboard or paper
- be easy to sort and consist of as few different material types as possible
- not contain any prohibited or dangerous substances or materials
- be directly useful as either returnable packaging, material for recycling or for composting
- not contain plastic, isopor (popcorn) or other petroleum-based "shock absorbers" if it can be avoided. Use of paper-based packaging systems is recommended.

When products are delivered in bulk, individual packing should be avoided whenever possible.

Furthermore, Hapro encourages the use of either full or half sized Euro pallets for transportation whenever possible. Non-standardized pallets create a major waste problem for Hapro.

3. Recycling of packaging materials

All inbound packaging where there is no return order will be source sorted by Hapro and handled by authorized waste recipients. To minimize the need for unnecessary waste management on Hapro and to reduce our common environmental impact, we recommend all our suppliers to develop their packaging methods and their packaging according to these guidelines.

Thank you for your help!