

Vendor Guidelines for materials' classification for Paper & Product Packaging

Type	Material Description	Definition
Printed Paper	Newsprint (Inserts and Circulars)	Newsprint inserts, flyers, and circulars (advertising materials distributed into consumer's home).
	Magazines	Bound periodicals, whether the paper is coated, glossy/non-glossy, which sometimes includes mastheads. Note: This category is for finished publications containing news, interest, travel, or promotional articles.
	Catalogues	Bound paper, whether the paper is coated, glossy/non-glossy. Note: This category is for finished goods that include product or service listings, coupons, and advertisements.
	Paper for General Use	Paper that is used for copying, writing or any other general use.
	Posters, Calendars, Greeting Cards and Envelopes	Paper products sold as single purpose finished goods. Excludes any promotional/complimentary posters, calendars, greeting cards and envelopes.
	Other Printed Paper	All other paper product/material that is not included in the paper product categories above. Note: This category is suitable for user or set-up manuals, promotional inserts or warranty cards included with product.

Paper Packaging	Kraft Paper	Non-laminated Kraft paper packaging
	Paper Laminates	Includes laminated paper packaging where paper is the main component, along with either metalized foil/wax/plastic. The paper component represents the greatest percentage by weight.
	Gable Top Containers	Gable top and poly-coated cartons used for beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic or dairy); or food (sugar, molasses); or, cleaning & laundry products, not on deposit.
	Aseptic Containers	Includes all aseptic poly-coated and foil-backed boxes and containers for beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic, or dairy); or food (soup, sauces).
	Corrugated Container	Multi-layered paper board and fiber which may have one or more layers of corrugation.
	Boxboard and Other Paper Packaging	Single layered paperboard and fiber board with no corrugation and all types of molded pulp packaging. Includes paper packaging not included in any other paper subcategories. fiber-board containers made from other non-wood sources (e.g., bamboo, bagasse, eucalyptus).

Steel Packaging	Steel Aerosol Containers	Includes steel aerosol containers that are at least 95% by weight aluminum.
	Steel Containers	Containers that are more than 50% by weight of steel or other metal

Aluminum Packaging	Aluminum Aerosol Containers	Includes aluminum aerosol containers that are at least 95% by weight aluminum.
	Other Aluminum Packaging	Aluminum packaging not included in another aluminum packaging subcategory. Excludes products which are purchased as finished goods (i.e., tinfoil or foil bakeware)

Glass Packaging	Clear Glass Container	Clear glass containers that are 50% or more glass by weight. Excludes Pyrex, ceramics, or crystal.
	Colored Glass	Colored glass containers that are 50% or more glass by weight. Excludes Pyrex, ceramics, or crystal.

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Plastic Packaging	PET Bottles and Jars	Transparent and/or colored #1 PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) bottles and jars, containing less than 5 liters, displaying the resin code #1 beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic or dairy), or food (dressings or peanut butter), or non-beverage (cleaning & laundry products), not on deposit. (Note: Packaging of this material which is not a bottle or jar should be classified as 'Other Plastic Packaging').
	HDPE Bottles, Jars and Jugs	HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) bottles, jars and jugs, containing less than 5 liters displaying the #2 resin code : used for beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic or dairy), non-beverage (cleaning & laundry products), not on deposit. (Note: Packaging of this material which is not a bottle or jar should be classified as 'Other Plastic Packaging').
	Plastic Laminates	All laminated film and laminated flexible plastic packaging comprised of multiple plastic resin types and/or combinations of plastic resins and metalized foils, wax, and/or paper. This material category also includes mono-material such as those made of PET, PP, PVC, EVA and other films that do not meet the definition of LDPE/HDPE Film or PLA, PHA, PHB – Plastic film. Examples: Drink or alcohol pouches; chip bags, printer ink or toner bags.
	PET Thermoform Containers	PET thermoform clear, light green and light blue containers such as clamshells, with a volume of less than 5 liters used for non-beverage products.
	PLA, PHA, PHB - Beverage	Plastic bottles consisting of bio-plastics made of either PLA (polylactic acid), PHA (polyhydroxyalkanoates) and PHB (poly-3-hydroxybutyrate) polymers used for beverages not on deposit.
	PLA, PHA, PHB - Non-Beverage	Plastic containers consisting of bio-plastics made of either PLA (polylactic acid), PHA (polyhydroxyalkanoates) and PHB (poly-3-hydroxybutyrate) polymers for non-beverage products.
	PLA, PHA, PHB - Plastic Film	Plastic film consisting of bio-plastics made of either PLA (polylactic acid), PHA (polyhydroxyalkanoates) and/or PHB (poly-3-hydroxybutyrate) polymers. Examples: Protective films used on magazines or newspapers.
	LDPE or HDPE Film	Includes plastic film made from LDPE, LLDPE, HDPE (Low Density, Linear Low Density, High Density Polyethylene) or combinations thereof. May display resin code #4 or #2. PE films reported under this category must not contain any barrier layers or other non-PE resins. Examples: Shrink wrap
	Expanded Polystyrene - Food Packaging	All forms of expanded foam packaging used in food applications and may display resin code #6.
	Expanded Polystyrene – Other	Other forms of expanded foam packaging for non-food uses displaying resin code #6
	Non-Expanded Polystyrene - Beverage	Non-expanded polystyrene bottles used for any beverages and may display resin code #6.
	Non-Expanded Polystyrene – Other	All other non-expanded polystyrene packaging that is not included in any of the specific Non-Expanded Polystyrene categories above. May display resin code #6.
	Other Plastic Packaging	All forms of rigid plastic packaging, containing less than 5 liters for non-alcoholic beverages that is #1 PET, #2 HDPE, #3 PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride) plastic, #4 LDPE, #5 PP (Polypropylene) and #7 (Other), and other plastics that are not included in any of the other plastic subcategories. Also includes non-coded plastics. May display resin code #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7 which are not on deposit. Examples: Beverage containers.

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Examples:

