

# Used Packaging Materials

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## PART 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

### NEPM Details

**Title:** National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure

**Made by Council:** 2 July 1999

**Commencement Date:** 14 July 1999 (advertised *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* No GN 28, 14 July 1999, p.2114)

### NEPM Goal (or purpose)

The environment protection goal is established by Clause 6 of this Measure as follows:

#### 6. National environment protection goal

The goal of the Measure is to reduce environmental degradation arising from the disposal of used packaging and conserve virgin materials through the encouragement of re-use and recycling of used packaging materials by supporting and complementing the voluntary strategies in the National Packaging Covenant.

### Desired Environmental Outcomes

The desired environmental outcomes from the combination of the National Packaging Covenant and the Measure are to optimise resource use and recovery and encourage the conservation of virgin materials.

### Evaluation Criteria

The assessment of the effectiveness of the National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure is based on the following criteria:

#### General Criteria (Specified in the NEPC Implementation Reporting Protocol)

- progress in implementing the NEPM
- compliance by parties bound by the NEPM with NEPM protocols and/or other NEPM reporting requirements
- progress toward achievement of the NEPM goal, the desired environmental outcomes and any NEPM standards
- issues arising that reflect on the efficiency and simplicity of NEPM administration.

### Specific Criteria

Criteria for assessment and performance measurement of implementation of the NEPM are set out in Clause 21 of the NEPM which states that each participating jurisdiction shall provide to Council the following information:

- information gathered from brand owners whose records under clause 16 have been audited by the jurisdiction
- aggregated information received from local governments under clause 17
- information gathered through the conduct of surveys under clause 18
- information relating to complaints received, investigations undertaken and prosecutions mounted pursuant to the NEPM
- a statement of interpretation of the information.

Note: Section 15(3) states that a common approach to the interpretation of data gathered pursuant to these protocols and to the terminology used with the data shall be adopted by participating jurisdictions. Furthermore, it states that the terminology used shall be in accordance with definitions set out in the NEPM as per Section 15(4).