

Environmental Labelling of Packaging

Information on the composition material and final destination of the packaging

Information	Mandatory and Optional Information	Scope	References
Identification of the packaging composition material	Mandatory	All packaging	Decision 97/129/CE The Decision establishes a system for the identification of packaging materials by means of alphanumeric codes, as set out in specific Annexes.
Plastics - Symbols and abbreviated terms - Basic polymers and their special characteristics	Optional (Supplementing Decision 97/129/CE)	Plastic packaging	UNI EN ISO 1043-1 The standard confirms the identification system for plastic packaging established by Decision 97/129/CE.
Primary - secondary plastics - Part 1	Optional (Supplementing Decision 97/129/CE)	Plastic packaging	UNI 10667-1 The standard states that, for recycled polymers, the letter "R" is to be inserted before the polymer's identification code.
Plastics - Generic identification and marking of plastics products	Optional (Supplementing Decision 97/129/CE)	Multi-layer plastic packaging	UNI EN ISO 11469 Plastic products may be marked in accordance with this standard, which requires that the material's identification code be placed between the two symbols ">" and "<". In the presence of more than one polymer or of additives and adjuvants, the characters "+" or "-" are placed respectively in between the abbreviations.
Consumer instructions for separate waste collection	Mandatory	Consumer packaging components that can be separated by hand	Handbook "Etichetta per il cittadino" The proposed approach is a suggestion: there is no specific instructions on the form to be adopted. In order to provide clear and complete information, the CONAI Guidelines suggest placing the following information on the packaging: material family, collection guidelines or collection guidelines by material family. With instructions to check the local municipal guidelines.
Additional information for efficient separate waste collection	Optional	Only for consumer packaging components that can be separated by hand	e-tichetta The <i>e-tichetta</i> tool suggests further information that can be placed on the packaging to support the disposal instructions and guide the end consumer towards efficient separate waste collection.
Environmental labels and declarations - Self-declared environmental claims (Type II environmental labelling)	Optional	All packaging	UNI EN ISO 14021 One of the self-declares claims applicable to packaging is the Mobius loop, used to indicate that packaging is recyclable or that it is made from secondary raw material. Compliance with biodegradability and compostability requirements must also be declared in accordance with this standard.