

National Packaging Covenant



FACT SHEET 2 *Who should sign the Covenant?*

The Covenant

The National Packaging Covenant is a unique initiative that heralds the beginning of unprecedented cooperation between government, the community and all sectors of the packaging chain. It aims to minimise the environmental impacts of consumer packaging waste, gain control of the recycling loop, and develop economically viable and sustainable recycling collection systems.

Businesses that sign the Covenant are required to undertake a number of commitments. These commitments are flexible, with sectors having different Covenant responsibilities in the life cycle of a packaging product. Within the sector responsibilities, there is also flexibility for individual signatories to determine what actions are appropriate for their organisation. These actions are written into an action plan.

Check list

The Covenant is primarily aimed at organisations that are part of the packaging supply chain and who contribute to the packaging waste stream. The following check list is intended to assist small and medium sized businesses determine whether they need to sign the National Packaging Covenant.

Businesses and organisations in South Australia that are part of the packaging supply chain but do not sign the Covenant will have to comply with the packaging legislation instead. The legislation—the National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) for Used Packaging Materials—has been introduced in South Australia through the Environment Protection (Used Packaging) Policy (the EPP) under the Environment Protection Act 1993.



Covenant participation check list

Criteria		
Do you supply raw materials to packaging manufacturers?	Yes	No
Do you manufacture packaging products?	Yes	No
Do you purchase packaging to distribute your products?	Yes	No
Do you sell packaged products?	Yes	No

If you answered 'no' to **all** of the above questions then you are not part of the packaging supply chain and do not need to sign the Covenant.

If you answered 'yes' to **any** of the above questions then you need to consider whether you are a significant contributor to the packaging waste stream. The EPP determines 'significant' as a company or brand owner who answers 'yes' to any of the following:

Significant contributor or brand owner check list

Criteria		
Do you sell products into another state?	Yes	No
Do you import products into Australia?	Yes	No
Do you sell only within South Australia and have more than 1% of the notional market share?	Yes	No

If you answered 'yes' to any of the 'significant contributor or brand owner' questions, then you need to :

- ◆ sign the Covenant by completing the attached registration page

or

- ◆ see **Fact Sheet 3**, or obtain more information on your obligations under the EPP by contacting the EPA on 8463 3527 or by email at :

woods.andrea@saugov.sa.gov.au

**Use this form to become a signatory to
the National Packaging Covenant**

The National Packaging Covenant is signed on behalf of:

Organisation: _____

Address: _____

by:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Dated: _____

Covenant contact person:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Send completed forms to:

Covenant Council Secretariat
Environment Australia
GPO Box 787
CANBERRA ACT 2601

or

fax to: 02 6274 1640

or

email to: barbara.butt@ea.gov.au