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Pursuant to Article 58, paragraph (3) of the Law on Waste Management ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", No. 33/03), the Federal Minister of Environment and Tourism issues the following:

ORDINANCE

ON THE FORM, CONTENT AND PROCEDURE OF NOTIFICATION ON IMPORTANT CHARACTERISTICS OF PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING BY THE MANUFACTURER

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

This Ordinance prescribes the form, content, and procedure for informing sellers and consumers about important characteristics of products and packaging from the standpoint of waste management, as well as the methods of treatment at the end of the product's life cycle and the resulting waste.

II. DEFINITIONS

Article 2

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term manufacturer refers to a producer or importer of finished products, as well as a manufacturer of packaging intended for packing finished products.

The term finished product refers to goods or materials in the condition in which they are finally placed on the market — that is, in a condition directly usable by the end user without further processing.

Depending on their composition and physico-chemical properties, finished products may appear on the market either packaged or unpackaged.

The term packaging refers to materials used for packing finished products for the purpose of protection, easier handling, or transportation, including primary, secondary, and tertiary packaging.

Article 3

Finished products and their packaging must, on the label or on the packaging material itself (or directly on the product if no packaging is used), bear visible information on important characteristics of the product and packaging from the standpoint of waste management.

Textual statements about product and packaging characteristics must be as linguistically simple as possible to ensure they are easily understood by consumers.

The manufacturer of the finished product is responsible for providing information about product characteristics.

Exceptionally, in the case of imported products, the importer must provide the required information in cooperation with the foreign manufacturer.

The packaging manufacturer must provide information about the characteristics of the packaging from the standpoint of waste management, either independently or in cooperation with the manufacturer of the finished product.

Article 4

Information on important characteristics of products and packaging may be provided in the following ways:

- By printing techniques that ensure print durability, directly on the packaging material or directly on the product,
- By embossing or stamping directly into the packaging material, and
- By using durable labels with permanent color and adhesive properties.

Colors used for printing must be resistant to sunlight, heat, alcohol, and moisture. It is recommended to use high-contrast color combinations for background and text (e.g., black/white, red/green, blue/yellow, yellow/purple, blue/orange, etc.), as well as letters of the largest possible size.

For textual or symbolic information containing strict limitations on how the product or packaging must be handled or disposed of at the end of its life cycle (after the expiration of its shelf life or change of properties making it waste or unusable for its original purpose), it is recommended to use red color for such warnings — except on red backgrounds, where a contrasting color such as white, black, yellow, or green should be used.

III. PACKAGING

Article 5

Information to be provided for packaging includes:

- For plastic packaging – the standard European identification number for the type of packaging material used (numbers 1–6: 1 for polyethylene terephthalate, 2 for high-density polyethylene, 3 for polyvinyl chloride, 4 for low-density polyethylene, 5 for polypropylene, 6 for polystyrene, and “O” for other plastics). Alongside the numeric symbol, the commonly used abbreviations should also be provided: PEHD, PE-HD or HDPE for high-density polyethylene, PELD, PE-LD or LDPE for low-density polyethylene, PVC for polyvinyl chloride, PS for polystyrene, and PET for polyethylene terephthalate.
- For paper and cardboard packaging – the textual indication “PAP” or “PAPER”.
- For aluminium packaging – the textual indication “Al”, “ALU”, “ALUMINIJ” or “ALUMINIUM”.
- For copper packaging – the textual indication “Cu” or “COPPER”.
- For iron or steel packaging – the textual indication “Fe” or the magnet symbol.
- For other metal packaging – the textual indication “MET” or “METAL”.
- For wooden packaging – the textual indication “WOOD”.
- For fabric packaging – the textual indication “TEXTILE”.
- For glass packaging – the textual indication “GLASS”.

The identification number and/or textual indication must be placed within or below the recycling symbol (typical examples of recycling symbols are provided in *Annex 1*).

If the packaging is composed of several materials, each must be marked individually with the appropriate identification number and/or textual indication, or — if not feasible — all constituent materials should be listed together in one place.

Packaging must also include information on specific restrictions regarding treatment or storage once it becomes waste, including prohibition of incineration and mixing with certain other materials.

V. FINISHED PRODUCT

Article 6

Information to be provided for the finished product shall include:

- Information on the expiry date of the product,
- If the product is non-hazardous and suitable for aerobic or anaerobic degradation (e.g. food, garden waste, paper, cardboard), the indication: “*biodegradable content*”,
- Indications of restrictions and prohibitions regarding the disposal of the product, its residues, or packaging after use, after the expiry date, or after the end of usability, including the following statements:
- The statement: “DISPOSAL IN MUNICIPAL WASTE CONTAINERS PROHIBITED”, accompanied by the relevant prohibition symbol (example provided in Annex 1), where applicable,
- The statement: “DO NOT DISPOSE INTO SEWERS, ON THE GROUND, INTO RIVERS, STREAMS, LAKES OR THE SEA”, accompanied by the corresponding prohibition symbol (example in Annex 1), where applicable,
- The statement: “INCINERATION PROHIBITED”, accompanied by the corresponding prohibition symbol (example in Annex 1), where applicable,
- The statement: “MIXING WITH OTHER TYPES OF WASTE PROHIBITED” or “MIXING WITH HAZARDOUS WASTE PROHIBITED”, where applicable.
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V. FINISHED PRODUCT AND PACKAGING

Article 7

For the purpose of ensuring the efficient management of products, product residues, and packaging after use, after the expiry of the product’s shelf life, or after packaging usability has expired, both the finished product and its packaging shall bear the following instructions on specific treatment or handling procedures:

- The indication: “DISPOSE IN CONTAINER FOR _____”, where applicable,
- The indication: “RETURNABLE PACKAGING (DEPOSIT _____ KM)”, where applicable,
- The indication: “UNUSED/REMAINING PRODUCT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MANUFACTURER FOR DISPOSAL”, where applicable,
- For paper or cardboard packaging, the indication: “FOLD” or “COMPRESS”, accompanied by a symbolic representation, where applicable,
- For plastic bottles (PET, HDPE), the indication: “REMOVE CAP/LID”, where applicable,
- For glass packaging, the indication: “REMOVE CAP/LID” and “DO NOT MIX WITH GLASS OF OTHER COLORS”, where applicable,
- The use of applicable standard international symbols indicating permitted or recommended procedures for the handling of packaging and residual product content after use or upon expiry, in accordance with the following standard list of symbols (each symbol must be accompanied by the corresponding textual indication, i.e., an explanation of the recommended procedure):

Symbol	Recommended Procedure
R1	Use as fuel for energy recovery
R2+	Regenerate or otherwise recover solvents
R3+	Recycle or otherwise recover organic substances (including composting and other biological transformation processes)
R4+	Recycle or otherwise recover metals or metal-containing components
R5+	Recycle or otherwise recover other inorganic materials

Symbol	Recommended Procedure
R6+	Regenerate acids or bases
R7+	Recover components for pollution abatement
R8+	Recover components from catalysts
R9+	Re-refine (regenerate) or otherwise reuse lubricating oils
R10+	Apply to land for agricultural benefit or ecological improvement
R11	Further use of waste resulting from any of the operations listed under R1–R10
D1+	Deposit into or onto land (e.g. landfill)
D2+	Land treatment (e.g. biodegradation of liquids or sludges in soil)
D3+	Deep injection (e.g. injection of liquid waste into wells or geological formations)
D4+	Surface impoundment (e.g. storage of liquid waste or sludges in ponds or lagoons)
D5+	Specially engineered landfill (e.g. placement into cells isolated from the environment)
D6+	Discharge into surface waters except seas and oceans
D7	Discharge into seas and oceans
D10	Incineration on land
D12	Permanent storage (e.g. in special containers in mines or similar facilities)

VI. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 8

Annex I is printed with this Ordinance and constitutes its integral part.

Article 9

This Ordinance shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH.

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Minister

Dr. Nevenko Herceg, Ph.D., signed

Annex I

STANDARD PACKAGING SYMBOLS:



SYMBOL: „DISPOSAL IN MUNICIPAL WASTE CONTAINERS PROHIBITED“



„BURNING PROHIBITED“



Symbol: „Do not dispose of in the sewage system“

