



## **Used Packaging Materials NEPM – Audit Methodology**

The *National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure 2011* (Used Packaging Materials NEPM) sets out the protocols for the process to be followed to enable participating jurisdictions to assess the achievement of the desired environmental outcomes of the national environment protection measure and to report annually on progress against the goal of the national environment protection measure.

Under Clause 20 of the Used Packaging Materials NEPM, jurisdictions shall carry out an audit of brand owners once an audit methodology:

- has been agreed between participating jurisdictions, and
- has been published by the Commonwealth or participating states and territories.

The audit method that has been agreed to by participating jurisdictions is as follows:

A brand owner must collect and retain information in accordance with state or territory requirements. Standard information requirements consistent with Clause 16 of the Used Packaging Materials NEPM are defined as:

- a) total weight of material used by material type;
- b) number of units of packaging by unit and material type;
- c) total weight of material recovered by material type;
- d) total weight of recovered material re-used and recycled in Australia by material type;
- e) total weight of recovered material re-used and recycled by material type through export;
- f) total kilojoules of embedded energy recovered;
- g) total weight of recovered material disposed of to landfill;
- h) how consumers have been advised as to how packaging is to be recovered;
- i) demonstration of a recovery rate using the information in parts a) to g) by the formula

$$\frac{(\text{weight of material recovered from the post consumer waste stream})}{(\text{weight of material sold as packaging in Australia})} \times 100$$

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Jurisdictions may use this information to establish that the recovery rate meets the criteria set out within their own policies. As this target recovery rate is set by individual states and territories, it cannot form part of the national methodology.

Jurisdictions may request from the brand owner, a representative sample of invoices, receipts and other original documentation that supports evidence of compliance with the NEPM.