



List of packaging and non-packaging

At what point do we speak about packaging?

Generally, it is easy to determine whether an element surrounding a product is considered as packaging or not:

- A drinking can
- A bottle
- A jam jar, etc.

For other elements, the distinction however is more difficult:

- A Coffee-capsule
- A lipstick
- A matchbox

Based on the legal definition of packaging, Valorlux has established a non-exhaustive list of examples. If you are not sure whether one of your products is packaging or not, please feel free to use this list as a guide.

Products	Packaging	Non-packaging
Food		
Filled board * single-use, also fries bags *, trays*, cups *, etc. *	X	
Empty board *, empty cup*		X
Lollipop stick in and popsicles		X
Disposable weaning bottles sold empty		X
Disposable weaning bottles that are sold filled	X	
Decorated tin box, for example. for biscuits, cereals, alcohol, etc.	X	
Candy wrapped in toys (and for which the toy is accessory	X	
Capsules, pouches and pads with coffee, tea, etc., for beverage systems which together with the used product be discarded		X
Stuffed non-natural shell, e.g. scallop	X	
Empty non-natural shell		X
Natural shell		X
Plastic cutlery (knife, fork, etc.)		X
Cheese Crust		X
Spoon sold with ice cream, etc.		X
Fantasy packaging of foods, for example. feeding bottle containing confectionery	X	
Aluminum foil and cling film used as service packaging	X	
Fries fork		X
Empty disposable cup*		X
Mechanical mill integrated in non-refillable container filled with a product, e.g. pepper mill filled with pepper	X	

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Mechanical mill integrated in a refillable container, for example. refillable pepper mill		X
Straw sold to beverage packaging or offered by portion		X
Filled gift basket, for example. a basket with special beers	X	
Promotional Paper on a crate of liquor bottles		X
Sausage skin		X
Cakes and tins sold with cake or pastry	X	
Cakes and tins sold without a cake or pastry		X
Spear for brochette		X
Rice bag	X	
Teabag		X
Sandwich bag *, bread bag *, etc.	X	
Paper pad for hospitality industry		X
Paper pad on serving platter		X
Beer coaster		X
Stir bar, e.g. for coffee		X
Mustard Glass	X	
*Please also have a look at our list about service packaging		
Cleaning & Maintenance		
Piece in which the powder is applied and which is plugged into the machine and has the same function as the dosing cap		X
Dosing screwcap	X	
Dosing cap		X
Soluble pouch around tablets and detergents		X
Body care products		
Decorated perfume bottle	X	
Mascara brush sold along with a product.	X	
Mascara brush sold without any accompanying product		X
Cardboard roll for toilet paper and household paper	X	
Sample of perfume, cream, etc.	X	
Sponge to apply cosmetic foundation		X
Lipstick holder	X	
Pharmaceutical products and medical aids		
Needle syringe		X
(Part to make) Applicator for vaginal cream		X
(Insertion sleeve) Applicator for tampons		X
Measuring spoon		X
Filled glass bottles for injection	X	
Empty glass bottles for injection		X
Edible capsules		X
Non-edible capsules, for example. glass ampoules	X	
Inhaler with padding, wherein the inhaler is part of the packaging	X	
Inhaler with contents, the inhaler is not part of the packaging		X
Inhaler without filling		X
(Leaflet) Notice, instructions for use		X
Dropping pipette that is part of the packaging or cap	X	
Dropping pipette which is loose from the package		X
Prefilled syringe	X	
Empty syringe		X
Sterile barrier systems (pouches, trays and materials required to be a sterile product to hold)	X	
First aid kit		X
Horticulture and gardening		
Packing plant roots from organically degradable material, e.g. peat pot and jute mesh		X

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Packaging of plant roots from a non-biological degradable material, e.g. plastic bag and synthetic cord	X	
Packaging Films and sleeves	X	
Trays (for commercialization)	X	
Flowerpots which are used only for the sale and transport of plants and not intended for the entire lifespan of the product	X	
Flowerpots intended for the entire lifespan of the plant		X
Flowerpots used during the production process, but not intended to be part of the product when the latter is put on the market		X
Ornamental flowerpots		X
Stone flowerpots		X
Tools and DIY		
Toolbox that is sold filled with its tool and coffin of a device		X
Cable reels (household): power extension cord on permanent reel and hose on permanent reel		X
Cable reels: one-way reels for electrical wire, etc. (sales in do it yourself etc.)	X	
Cable Reels: reusable industrial reels for roadworks		X
Sales package of tools, e.g. cardboard box for a drill	X	
Clothing, shoes, textiles and related		
Moisture-absorbent material that is part of a packaging system (e.g. bag with silicagel in a shoebox)	X	
Staples, pins and clips	X	
Bobbin textile yarn	X	
Luxury clothes hangers, e.g. wooden hanger		X
Clothes hangers that are not explicitly designed for multiple use, e.g. plastic coat hanger, clothes hanger of the dry cleaner	X	
Aid element in a luxury shoe for reuse		X
Aid element in a shoe not intended for reuse	X	
Package passed by the dry cleaner	X	
Label hung directly on or attached to a product	X	
Label inside a garment		X
Bag around a sleeping bag designed to store the sleeping bag		X
Bag in which a tent and the various components are held together		X
Electro and accessories		
Case for electric shaver		X
Disposable Camera		X
Camera Film		X
(Plastic) tube for photo film		X
Packaging around photo film cassette (plastic film, plastic cartridge & paper board)	X	
Camera		X
Folder with photos and negatives	X	
Multimedia		
Box or CD case, DVD, Blu-Ray, cassette, video, etc.		X
CD spindles (sold with CDs, not intended for storage)	X	
CD spindles (sold without CDs, intended for storage)		X
Film around box or CD case, DVD, Blu-Ray, cassette, video, etc.	X	
Installation Disk for a program		X
Label affixed to machine (PC, etc.), but that cannot be removed, eg. serial number		X
Instructions		X
Toner refill for printers and copiers, e.g. in plastic bottle	X	
Toner for printers and copiers (with electronic component)		X
Interior accessories		
One-way gas cylinders for domestic use, e.g. camping gas	X	

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Refillable steel and composite cylinders for various kinds of gas, except for fire extinguishers		X
Metal cages for transport cylinders		X
Box or cassette in wood or plastic to store cutlery during the life of the product		X
Disposable box or cassette, which simplifies transport and is then disposed of.	X	
Fire extinguisher		X
Wooden support element for furniture (similar to a pallet)	X	
Shell candles (e.g. grave lights, tea lights, etc.)		X
Watches and jewelry		
Box with a silver spoon, medal, etc. designed to store in the product during the lifespan of the product		X
Luxury Packaging intended to store jewelry during the lifespan of the product		X
Press		
Parcel used by individuals		X
Plasticized cover (with the title of the book) to protect the book		X
Packaging utilized for transmitting products ordered by courier, by mail order and via Internet sales	X	
Packaging of newspapers, magazines, magazines, journals, periodicals, free regional press, free publications, and advertising other printed matter (except for explicitly in this list included printed matter), even if sent by post	X	
Packaging of brochures sent by associations within the context of a membership if in a normal paper wrapper		X
Wrapping around phonebooks and fax directories	X	
Regular envelopes used by individuals to send the mail		X
Regular envelopes used by companies to send the mail		X
Shipments of government		X
Cardboard protection of (luxury) books		X
Games and toys		
Games box and puzzle box		X
Spacers of model kits	X	
Toys filled with candy, being objects also being put on the market without candy		X
Building blocks		X
Paper products and related		
Filled (luxury) box for drawing tools, e.g. aluminum box for crayons	X	
Holder or sleeve on which tape is rolled		X
Paint jars and watercolor paint box	X	
Pen, pencil and refillable lead pencil		X
Packaging glue, proofreader in a tube or bottle (and in case brush in cap)	X	
Disposable ink refill for pen, ballpoint pen, fountain pen, etc.		X
(One-time) Disposable holder to unroll and tear the tape	X	
Other		
Box with snow chains		X
Matchbox	X	
Coupon		X
Lighter		X
Moisture-absorbent material that is part of a packaging system	X	
Moisture-absorbent material which does not form part of a packaging system		X
Free samples	X	

Products	Packaging	Non-packaging
Packaging given in service *, e.g. repair of shoes, watches, pens, clothing	X	
Label stuck directly or attached to the product	X	
Radio frequency identification (RFID)		X
Plastic Sleeve around a package	X	
Instructions-leaflet or notice		X
Gift wrapping if provided as a service packaging	X	
Gift box sold separately		X
Fire Extinguisher		X