



Labelling for Household packaging

Royal Decree 1055/2022

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Learn about the recycling labelling in Spain

From January 1st, 2025, household packaging **must indicate in which container should it be deposited.**

To avoid confusing consumers and to make it easier for the producers, the PRO systems of household packaging's reached an agreement so that you can use the **same logo**, regardless of the SCRAP to which you are attached.



To the yellow container
Plastic, metal & briks



To the blue container
Paper & carton



To the brown container
Compostable packaging's



To the green container
Glass containers

Versions of the same symbol

We understand that the space available on the label or packaging is limited. For this reason, we offer **version A** with less reproduction space or **version B** with wider reproduction space.

Version A

Less reproduction space.



Version B

Wider reproduction space.



The use of the symbol in other markets

Also available in other official languages of the national market:

Catalan



Galician



Basque



The use of the symbol in each material

Yellow container

This symbol is used for household **plastic, metal and briks containers** that must be collected in the yellow separate collection container.

For example:

- Plastic containers: for drinks, detergents, shopping bags, etc.
- Metal containers: soft drink cans, tinned food cans, aerosol deodorants, etc.
- Brik containers: for milk, juices, broths, etc.



Version A



Version B

The use of the symbol in each material

Blue container

This symbol is used for **household paper and/or cardboard packaging** that must be collected in the blue separate collection container.

For example:

- Cardboard packaging: biscuit boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.
- Paper packaging: paper bags, etc.



Version A



Version B

The use of the symbol in each material

Brown container

This symbol is used for **compostable packaging** that must be collected in the brown separate collection container.

A package is compostable if it complies with the compostability standard UNE EN 13432:2001, that is, if it is capable of biodegrading almost completely together with organic matter in an industrial facility under certain operating conditions (time, temperature, oxygen, light and humidity), giving rise to a compound suitable for use as fertilizer in agriculture.



Version A



Version B

The use of the symbol in each material

Green container

This symbol is used for **glass containers** that must be collected in the green separate collection container.

For example: any glass bottle (wine, spirits), jars and pots, etc.



Version A



Version B

The use of the symbol in each material

Two labeling options when the packaging is made of different materials

Option 1

Indicate each material with the image of the container in which it should be deposited.



For example: a **yogurt pack**

- Cardboard structure: in the **blue** container
- Plastic packaging: in the **yellow** container
- Plastic lid: in the **yellow** container

Option 2

Indicate on the main element both symbols of the containers in which it must be deposited.



For example: a **cereal box**

- Cardboard box: in the **blue** container
- Plastic bag: in the **yellow** container

The use of the symbol in each material

Packaging labels for products made of different materials

In cases where the packaging is made up of different materials that correspond to different containers, it must be assessed whether the **materials can be easily separated by the citizen or not**. Depending on this, if the materials can be easily separated, Royal Decree 1055/2022 indicates **that the different containers will be indicated**. To do this, we recommend using the corresponding symbol on each of the elements of the packaging, *whenever possible*.

Option 1



For example: a **cookie box**

- Cardboard box: in the **blue** container
- Plastic packaging: in the **yellow** container

For example: **facial cream**

- Cardboard box: in the **blue** container
- Plastic packaging: in the **yellow** container

For example: a **yogurt pack**

- Cardboard structure: in the **blue** container
- Plastic packaging: in the **yellow** container
- Plastic lid: in the **yellow** container

The use of the symbol in each material

Packaging labels for products made of different materials

If the materials can be easily separated by the citizen.

Option 1



For example: a **pack of beer**

- Cardboard structure: in the **blue** container
- Glass bottle: in the **green** container
- Metal cap: in the **yellow** container



For example: a **body cream**

- Cardboard box: in the **blue** container
- Glass container: in the **green** container
- Plastic lid: in the **yellow** container

The use of the symbol in each material

Packaging labels for products made of different materials

If it is **not possible to incorporate the symbol on each item**, the symbols should be included in the **main item** (box, bottle, jar, glass) or the label that identifies the product, using the following nomenclature to define the different materials: cardboard, metal, plastic, brik, glass and compostable.

Depending on the space available on the label/packageing, it is possible to use two versions of the symbol interchangeably:

Version 1

With the word **RECICLA**:

Less space.



Version 2

Without the word **RECICLA**:

More space.



Option 2



For example: a **cereal box**

- Cardboard box: in the **blue** container
- Plastic bag: in the **yellow** container

The use of the symbol in each material

Packaging labels for products made of different materials

If the materials cannot be easily separated by the citizen: **multi-material packaging.**

The Royal Decree 1055/2022 establishes that, if the materials cannot be easily separated, or in the case of composite packaging, **the container corresponding to the predominant material by weight in the packaging will be indicated.**

Version 1

Less space.



Version 2

More space.



The content of this figure is made with the joint in **yellow** and exemplifies the rest of the joints by analogy.



The use of the symbol in each material

Packaging labels for products made of different materials

If the materials cannot be easily separated by the citizen: multi-material packaging

Version 1

Less space.



Version 2

More space.



For example: bread packaging, potatoes, salmon, etc.

The content of this figure is made with the articulation in blue and exemplifies by analogy the rest of the articulations.

Logo graphic design

The symbol for recycling packaging is designed to be quickly visible and identifiable by citizens.

For this to happen it is necessary to:

- Keep an **appropriate size** to maintain the effectiveness of the message.
- Respect a **frame free** of graphics around the symbol and do not establish other elements inside other than those established.
- **Do not alter the shape**, proportion of its graphics, message or typography.
- Regarding the **color**, the **official colors** or the **black and white symbol** can be used, indicating in writing which container it should be disposed of in.

However, flexible use of the color, size and position of the symbol on the packaging or packaging label is contemplated. In individual formats, it is advisable to place the symbol on the main element of the packaging (bottle, jar, glass, etc.) or on the label that identifies the product. In grouped formats, it is recommended to place the corresponding symbol on the grouping packaging and on each of the individual packages that are grouped together.

Graphically, it is composed of the following elements: shape, icon, message, color and typography.



Shape



Icon



Message



Color

HELVÉTICA NEUE LT Heavy Condensed
Helvética Neue LT Bold Condensed

Typo

Color use- Official colors

Although it is not mandatory to use Pantone colors or their four-color equivalent, it is recommended that the recycling symbol appear in its official color.



YELLOW
C: 0 M: 10 Y: 100 K: 0
Pantone: 109 C

BLUE
C: 100 M: 50 Y: 0 K: 0
Pantone: 300 C

BROWN
C: 32 M: 65 Y: 84 K: 21
Pantone: 4635 C

GREEN
C: 100 M: 0 Y: 100 K: 0
Pantone: 348 C

BLACK
C: 0 M: 0 Y: 0 K: 100
Pantone: Process Black C

Always use original vector for the packaging recycling symbol. You can download it here.

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Color on colored backgrounds

In order to facilitate maximum flexibility of use and correct legibility, it is permitted to use other colors for the symbol, on a white, colored or transparent background. It is important to remember that when it is not possible to print in the official colors, it is necessary to use the symbol articulation on which the written mention of the color of the container appears.

Version A



Color on colored backgrounds

Version B



Using the symbol on photographic backgrounds

The recycling symbol should be displayed as clearly as possible on a photographic background to facilitate legibility.

The figure shows some correct examples of the Symbol application that apply to all versions and colors.

This example is applicable to the versions for multi-material packaging and for the international market.



Size

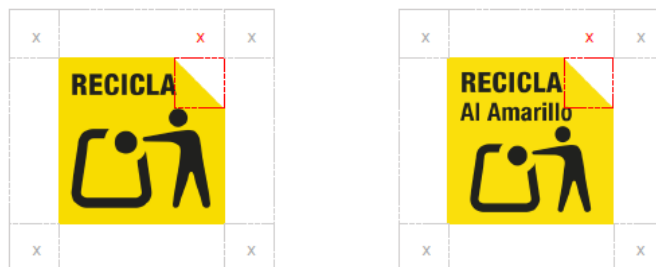
The recycling symbol must be readily visible and identifiable to citizens.

It is advisable that it be in the appropriate size to maintain the effectiveness of the message.

Margins

To maintain legibility, it is advisable to keep a border free of graphics around the Symbol. This margin is indicated by the letter “x” in the illustration.

The free space in the versions for multi-material packaging and for the international market is applied as in this example.



Minimum size recommended: 10 mm



Minimum size permitted: 8 mm



Restrictions and misuses

The recycling symbol in any of its variants and color combinations must not be altered in its proportions or colors.

Some incorrect uses of the symbol:





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