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Akarton BV complies with the applicable requirements of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on Packaging and Packaging Waste (PPWR), including Article 5 concerning substances in packaging.

1. Manufacturer Information

Company name: Akarton BV

Address: Venlo, The Netherlands

Akarton BV manufactures corrugated cardboard packaging and supplies these products within the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA).

2. Scope of Declaration

This declaration applies to corrugated board packaging manufactured by Akarton BV using corrugated board, printing inks, adhesives and, where applicable, externally supplied printed paper or board sheets used for lamination, supplied by approved suppliers.

Based on information, declarations and compliance statements received from approved suppliers of corrugated board, printing inks, adhesives and externally supplied printed sheets, where applicable, Akarton BV confirms the following for corrugated board packaging products manufactured by Akarton BV.

These packaging solutions are primarily intended for:

- Transport packaging
- Secondary packaging
- Industrial and commercial packaging applications
- Non-food applications
- Food-contact related applications where supported by separate product-specific declarations, where applicable.

3. Applicable Legislation

This declaration is issued in accordance with:

- Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on Packaging and Packaging Waste (PPWR).
- REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.
- Applicable substance restrictions and packaging requirements currently in force within the European Union.

Where applicable, separate product-specific declarations may be issued for food-contact applications.

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4. General Compliance Statement

Akarton BV hereby declares that its corrugated cardboard packaging is designed and manufactured to comply with the applicable requirements of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 (PPWR), based on supplier conformity information, internal production controls and the legislation and guidance available at the date of issuance.

Compliance is ensured through controlled design, sourcing, production, and quality management processes, supported by certified management systems and supplier conformity information. Conformity assessment activities are carried out in accordance with internal production control procedures.

Akarton BV maintains technical documentation in accordance with Article 38 and Annex VII of the PPWR. EU Declarations of Conformity are prepared in accordance with Article 39 and Annex VIII for packaging placed on the market by Akarton BV, as applicable under the PPWR.

5. Design for Sustainability and Recycling

Akarton BV develops corrugated board packaging according to Design for Recycling (DfR) principles.

Packaging solutions are designed to:

- Consist primarily of paper and board materials (corrugated board).
- Minimise the use of materials that could hinder recycling.
- Be compatible with existing European paper and board recycling streams.
- Support circular material recovery within established recycling systems.

Based on supplier declarations, current industry guidance and available technical knowledge, the corrugated board used by Akarton BV is recyclable within established paper and board recycling processes. Based on available supplier information, no components are known to prevent recyclability within established paper and board recycling processes.

The adhesives used in Akarton packaging comply with CEPI requirements for recycling processes of paper and board.

Final recyclability classifications and performance grades under the PPWR remain subject to the harmonised Design for Recycling criteria and related implementing acts to be adopted by the European Commission.

6. Packaging Minimisation

Akarton BV designs packaging to use no more material than necessary while maintaining:

- Product protection
- Safe handling and transport
- Functional performance
- Logistics efficiency

Packaging weight and volume are considered during the design and development process. Akarton BV applies packaging minimisation principles while taking into account the performance and functionality required for the intended use.

Further assessment criteria and documentation requirements will be implemented in accordance with the applicable PPWR requirements as these become applicable.

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7. Circular Material Use

Akarton BV supports circular material use through:

- Sourcing of paper and board materials from FSC®-certified sources, where applicable.
- Use of corrugated board containing recycled fibres, depending on the specific board grade.
- Selection of materials compatible with established paper and board recycling processes.
- Support of circular material recovery within the paper and board value chain.

Recycled fibre content varies by corrugated board grade. Product- or grade-specific recycled fibre information can be provided separately where applicable.

8. Substances and Chemical Compliance (PPWR Article 5)

Based on supplier declarations and available compliance information, Akarton BV confirms compliance with applicable substance restrictions relevant to corrugated cardboard packaging.

Heavy Metals

Based on supplier declarations, compliance statements and available test results, Akarton BV assesses compliance with the PPWR limit for the combined concentration of:

- Lead (Pb)
- Cadmium (Cd)
- Mercury (Hg)
- Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI))

The combined concentration of these substances shall not exceed 100 mg/kg in the overall packaging.

The corrugated board supplier confirms compliance with this limit based on current sample analyses. Suppliers of printing inks and adhesives confirm that the relevant heavy metals are not intentionally used in their products, in accordance with their applicable compliance policies and declarations. Where externally supplied printed sheets are used, compliance is assessed on the basis of corresponding supplier declarations and supporting documentation.

Akarton BV maintains the relevant supplier declarations and supporting documentation as part of its technical documentation.

PFAS

Based on supplier declarations, PFAS are not intentionally added to the corrugated board, printing inks or adhesives used in Akarton packaging.

Where externally supplied printed sheets are used, PFAS compliance is assessed on the basis of corresponding supplier documentation.

For packaging intended for food contact, compliance with the applicable PFAS restrictions under Article 5 of the PPWR is assessed on the basis of available supplier declarations and supporting information.

Relevant supplier documentation is maintained as part of Akarton BV's technical documentation.

Bisphenols (BPA)

Based on supplier declarations, Bisphenol A (BPA), other bisphenols and bisphenol derivatives are not intentionally added to the printing inks used for Akarton packaging products.

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SVHC

Based on current supplier declarations and available compliance information, the materials used by Akarton BV are assessed for compliance with the applicable REACH requirements concerning Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC).

Relevant supplier declarations are maintained and reviewed against updates to the ECHA Candidate List.

Mineral Oils (MOSH/MOAH)

According to declarations received from printing ink suppliers, MOSH and MOAH mineral oil hydrocarbons are not intentionally added to the printing inks used for Akarton packaging products.

General Chemical Compliance

Packaging materials are assessed for compliance with:

- REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.
- Applicable PPWR substance requirements currently in force.

Food Contact Applications

Where packaging is intended for food-contact applications, corrugated board, printing inks and adhesives are selected on the basis of applicable supplier declarations and supporting documentation concerning their suitability for the intended application.

Where applicable, compliance documentation supporting Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004, Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006 (Good Manufacturing Practice) and related food-contact legislation is maintained.

9. Technical Documentation

Akarton BV maintains technical documentation supporting the conformity assessment, including where applicable:

- Material specifications and supplier declarations.
- Supplier compliance statements and available supporting test information concerning PPWR Article 5 requirements.
- REACH/SVHC, PFAS, bisphenol, mineral oil, food-contact and recyclability documentation, where applicable.
- Internal material and product assessments.
- Design and production records.
- Risk assessments and compliance evaluations.
- Supporting environmental and recyclability information.

Technical documentation:

- Is prepared prior to placing packaging on the market.
- Is retained in accordance with PPWR requirements.
- Is made available to competent authorities upon justified request.
- Is updated where relevant legislative or technical changes occur.

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10. Quality and Environmental Management

Compliance activities are supported by Akarton BV's quality, environmental and product compliance management processes, including:

- ISO 9001 – Quality Management.
- ISO 14001 – Environmental Management.
- FSC® Chain of Custody certification, where applicable.
- Food safety controls and self-declarations, where applicable.
- Independent sustainability assessment through the EcoVadis rating methodology.

11. Labelling and Information

Where applicable under current legislation or upon customer request:

- Packaging may include recognised recycling markings or material identification systems.
- Information supporting correct waste handling and recycling may be provided.
- Additional product-specific compliance documentation may be supplied.
- Supplier-based compliance information concerning PPWR Article 5 substances may be provided upon request.
- Information supporting customer EPR reporting obligations may be provided upon request.

12. Declaration

This declaration is issued under the responsibility of Akarton BV and is based on applicable legislation, available technical knowledge, supplier declarations, supporting compliance information and Akarton BV's internal production controls.

Akarton BV declares that the corrugated cardboard packaging covered by this declaration is designed and manufactured to comply with the applicable requirements of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 (PPWR) relevant to fibre-based packaging.

The conformity assessment is supported by technical documentation maintained by Akarton BV, including supplier declarations, material specifications, available test information and internal compliance assessments.

Product-specific documentation may be provided where applicable.

13. Supporting Documentation

This declaration is supported by compliance information, technical documentation, declarations, test information where available, and conformity statements received from approved suppliers and maintained within Akarton BV's technical documentation system.

Supporting documentation is reviewed periodically and updated where relevant legislative, technical, product or supplier-related changes occur.

Supporting documentation may contain confidential supplier information and is therefore provided externally only where appropriate or legally required.

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14. Validity

This declaration remains valid until superseded by a revised version or until relevant legislation, supplier information or product composition changes.

Signed by:
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Quality Lead
Akarton BV
Venlo, 18 August 2026

