

To all customers
of Werner Schmid GmbH

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Packaging Act of 2021

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

we fulfill our obligation to comply with the relevant environmental regulations and to continuously improve environmental protection with commitment and motivation. For many years, we have been constantly reducing our environmental impact, such as energy, waste or pollutants in production and in our products. We are certified according to IS 14001 and fulfill our legal obligation according to the packaging law.

Concerning the European Packaging Directive (Directive 94/62/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 20 December 1994 on packaging and packaging waste) and the valid German Packaging Act of 2017 (Act on the marketing, return and high-quality recycling of packaging (Packaging Act – VerpackG)), updated in 2021, we would like to inform you as follows:

- Our company is affected by the Packaging Act, we place packaging filled with goods/products on the market for the first time or merely make it available.
- We comply to our relevant obligations, which include:
 - Obligation to register according to §9 VerpackG at the so-called Central Office for Packaging Registers (ZSVR);
 - Documentation obligation according to § 15 (3) VerpackG and
 - Duty to inform according to § 15 (1) VerpackG; in this context we refer to the return option or an optional special agreement with you as the customer. This letter also serves this purpose.
- The sense and purpose of the above measures serve the extended environmental and product responsibility, the striving for waste reduction and the realization of the highest possible material cycles, which we are happy to comply with as part of our environmental policy.
- In many cases, our packaging is marked with the recycling or material logo to facilitate later recycling.

- In addition, we assume environmental responsibility for packaging in line with the waste hierarchy “avoid before reduce before recycle” by:
 - Using reusable systems where possible (e.g. EU paletts, mesh boxes, wooden exchange frames);
 - Reducing the consumption of packaging to a minimum during use;
 - Paying attention to pollutant restrictions when purchasing, using recycled material (e.g. PPK) or pay attention to good recyclability.
- As part of our organizational processes, we have implemented internal procedures and controls so that this process can be implemented pragmatically and in compliance with the law, and can be adjusted as necessary.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our sales or purchasing department.

With kind regards

Werner Schmid GmbH