

The advantage of domestic suppliers:

Despite the increasing trend toward international manufacturers, brand-owners remain legally responsible for compliance with EPR legislation.³⁴ Therefore, while it may be cheaper to source product and packaging overseas, it is more difficult to ensure compliance with EPR requirements because of data gathering obstacles and the absence of a due diligence protocol throughout the supply chain. By sourcing domestically, consumer goods companies/electronic producers can have harmonized reporting, which will improve compliance, reduce compliance costs, reduce paperwork, improve data accuracy, and send a clear message to producers on how to improve their packaging and products.³⁵

³⁴ Ibid, sec. 3.2.

³⁵ Ibid, sec. 3.3.3.