

What you should require from your suppliers:

- In order to ensure compliance, suppliers must understand their obligations and the requirements that affect their products and packages; they must certify that their products and packages will meet these requirements; and, they must provide key third-party data on their products and packages.³¹
- Consumer goods companies/ electronic producers should obtain the following data from their suppliers to ensure compliance:
 - For the consumer product/electronic good: Sales by country and month, declared weight and/or volume of the product, and the product-to-package ratio.³²
 - For the package:
 - Data by packaging component: In most cases, manufactures must be prepared to provide data on each specific component of the package, not just the package as a whole. Additionally, packagers need to establish a program to obtain certification from suppliers to assure that their products comply with the EPR requirements.
 - Primary package material and weight;
 - Secondary package material and weight;
 - Transport package, material and weight;
 - Material type of primary, secondary and transport packages needs to be classified into the following:
 - Plastic by resin type
 - Paper
 - Glass
 - Aluminum
 - Composite
 - Data must be collected in regard to the number of uses for the primary, secondary, and transport packages: Reusable or refillable?
 - Data must be collected in regard to the percentage of recycled content in the primary, secondary, and transport packages. Distinctions must be made between pre- and post- consumer material.³³

³¹ Catherine Goodall, "Strategies for Compliance and Dfe: Managing Data throughout the Supply Chain," *Environmental Packaging International*, sec. 3.3.1.

³² *Ibid*, p. 4.

³³ *Ibid*, p. 4.