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IFS PPWR CONFORMANCE SELF-ASSESSMENT

Frequently Asked Questions



INTRODUCTION

IFS helps companies assess the implementation status of PPWR-related processes and share information with their business partners. IFS PPWR Conformance offers a solution that systematically evaluates whether processes for collecting and managing packaging-related data and documentation are robust and effectively implemented to comply with the EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR). This approach is practical, process-oriented, and tailored to the needs of companies and their supply chain partners.

The starting point is the IFS PPWR Conformance Self-assessment. Participating companies complete an online questionnaire in the IFS Database and upload supporting documents as needed. The results provide an initial indication of whether relevant processes are already in place and help identify potential gaps, risks, and necessary follow-up actions.

To help businesses complete the IFS PPWR Self-assessment, we provide answers to frequently asked questions in this document.

Further information and supporting documents, specifically the guidance document and the registration fact sheet, are available on our [website](#).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A Questions regarding the IFS Database

A1 Where do I find the IFS Self-assessment registration?

You can find the self-assessment in the IFS Database. Suppliers who do not yet have an IFS account can register via the [IFS Self-assessment registration page](#).

The [IFS Registration fact sheet](#) explains the necessary steps in detail.

A2 In which languages is the IFS PPWR Conformance Self-assessment questionnaire available?

The questionnaire is available in the following languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Polish. The language can be chosen directly in the IFS Database once the self-assessment has been selected.

A3 What are the costs associated with using the IFS Database as part of the IFS PPWR Conformance Self-assessment?

Participation is free of charge for retail and industrial companies.

B Questions regarding the self-assessment questionnaire and results

B1 How are the details entered for different products? Is a self-assessment form filled out for each product, or is it completed collectively for all products?

The IFS PPWR Self-assessment verifies whether suppliers have implemented the necessary processes to ensure compliance with PPWR requirements. As such, the self-assessment applies at the company level and does not need to be completed for each individual product. However, it is important to select all product scopes and packaging types that apply to your company in the self-assessment.

B2 How does the evaluation of the IFS PPWR Conformance Self-assessment work?

The answer options in the questionnaire are based on a point system that automatically calculates the total score for the self-assessment. The result provides insight into the degree to which suppliers have fulfilled their relevant obligations and indicates the following three (3) levels of compliance:

 Low risk	85 % – 100 %
 Medium risk	65 % – 84.99 %
 High risk	0 % – 64.99 %

For more details, please refer to Chapter 2 of the [IFS PPWR Conformance Self-Assessment Guidance Document](#).

C Further questions

C1 Are the new PPWR requirements automatically included in IFS Certification, just as food compliance for packaging is?

The PPWR Conformance Check (remote/on-site) is offered as an add-on module with additional requirements because it extends beyond food compliance. This module can be used on its own or combined with an existing IFS Audit.

The process begins with the PPWR Conformance Self-assessment, and its results may determine whether the Conformance Check performed by an auditor is needed. Accordingly, not every facility needs to be audited for PPWR requirements, which reduces unnecessary effort. Retailers decide which facilities should undergo a check.

C2 Where can I find further information on the PPWR?

EU Commission: [Packaging & Packaging Waste Regulation \(PPWR\)](#)

Publications Office of the EU: [PPWR FAQ by DG for Environment](#)

Forum Rezyklat publications: [Template for PPWR Declaration of Conformity](#)

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