

	CATEGORY	FULL COMPATIBILITY	LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NON COMPATIBILITY
	Material Composition (total amount of EPS in the packaging)	A ≥ 95 %, B ≥ 80 %	C ≥ 70 %	Non-recyclable < 70 %
	Description (Testing Protocol)	Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact* OR Materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in EPS recycling	Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met** OR Materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with EPS recycling	Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with EPS recycling
	Description (Methodology)	In case of at least one limited compatibility one penalty is applied, lowering the recyclability class from A to B or from B to C	In case of at least one limited compatibility one penalty is applied, lowering the recyclability class from C to non-recyclable	Non-recyclable
MAIN BODY	Materials**	Monomaterial EPS – can be coated with PS foil		Any EPS packaging mixed with other polymer types, especially PVC, EPE, EPP, PUR
	Colours	White, uncoloured	Light colours	Any other colours
	Product Residues (Easy-to-Empty Index)	A if the index is ≤ 5 %; B if the index is ≤ 10 %	C if the index is ≤ 15 %	Index is ≥ 15 %
	Additives	Additives that are unavoidable in processing (stabilizers, antioxidants, lubricants, nucleating agents, peroxides)		Mineral fillers, Any other additives (flame retardant, plasticizer, bio/oxo/photodegradable)
ATTACHMENTS	Closure & Lids	Closure system from EPS/PS	Other than from PS easily separable	Other than from PS not separable
	Temper Evidence Wrap	Wrap from EPS/PS	Other than from PS easily separable	Other than from PS not separable
	Other Components	PS		Tapes. Any other material
DECORATION	Inks	Non-bleeding inks compliant with EuPIA Exclusion Policy		Bleeding inks; Inks non-compliant with EuPIA Exclusion Policy ; PVC binder
	Labels	No label Labels in PS fully removable provided with water soluble or water releasable adhesive (at 40 °C)	Labels manually peelable	Any other label
	Direct Printing	Laser marked; Production or best-before date	Printing covering ≤ 50 %	Printing covering > 50 %

Disclaimer: Use of recycled content does not impact the recyclability assessment.

*Approved technologies can be found [here](#).

**Polymer resin can be either fossil- or bio-based, virgin or recycled.