

# **Packaging Declaration Instructions and Guidance**

#### Introduction

As concerns for the Environment grow, the use of sustainable methods and components for packaging goods is seen as significant to both reduce waste sent to landfill or incineration and to recycle natural resources. This lessens the negative impact manufacturers and producers have. Many countries now require detailed assessment of packaging on products and the reporting and paying of a tax on the quantity of packaging placed on each market. These requirements are based mainly on the European Directives on this subject.

Carestream Health Inc. can only meet these market requirements with cooperation from its suppliers and the provided supplier packaging declaration and packaging specification documents allow the information needed to be collected.

While all suppliers need to provide some information, those providing components (eg. rolls of stretch wrap, card, wooden pallets, foam sheet) need only to provide Carestream Health with information that can be used to make a final declaration for finished packaging. Suppliers who provide finished packaging for Carestream Health products (eg. wooden creates, cardboard boxes, pre-formed foam, extruded plastic packets), need to provide additional information.

### Legislation and Guidance Information

The information required by Carestream Health will be nothing new to packaging suppliers who sell products to the European Union, but for suppliers who may not be familiar with the appropriate legislation, standards and guidance documents, some useful references are attached in appendix 1. All Carestream Health products are available worldwide and it is an expectation that all suppliers are aware of the packaging requirements in all worldwide markets and provide only compliant products to Carestream Health. Throughout the documents, Carestream Health has provided references to appropriate legislation and standards to make expectations clear.

## **Suppliers of components**

(Where the packaging material must be changed/modified/cut by Carestream Health before use)

- 1) Complete the Packaging declaration form
- 2) Complete the "Basic BOM" spreadsheet which gives the basic information to allow finished packaging to be assessed.
- 3) Return completed forms to either Purchasing contact or via the website mailbox.

## **Suppliers of Finished packaging products**

(Where the item supplied is ready for use, without modification, for a product part or as outer packaging)

- 1) Complete the Packaging declaration form
- 2) Complete the "Packaging DCV" spreadsheet which gives detailed information allowing Carestream Health to make required declarations on material, selection process and quantities of packaging materials in the products.
- 3) Return completed forms along with supporting documentation (eg. Drawings for reusable packaging or assessment documents) to either Purchasing contact or via the website mailbox.

Nb. There is an additional instruction on how to complete the Packaging DCV spreadsheet.

#### Glossary

BOM = Bill of material

Carestream Health accepts no responsibility for the sources of reference nor the regulatory content or interpretations on these websites. It is the supplier's responsibility to understand the regulations and provide packaging that enables Carestream Health to supply products worldwide.

Appendix 1 – <u>Useful References</u>

EU Packaging Directive 94/62/EC



Web addresses

<u>Europe</u>

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm

http://www.pro-e.org

<u>Australia</u>

http://www.sustainablepack.org/news/newsitem.aspx?sectionID=35&id=26

http://packaging-guided.com/topics/packaging-regulations.html

<u>USA</u>

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/

http://www.sustainablepackaging.org/

http://www.packaginglaw.com/