

New rules for takeaway food and drinks: What food service businesses need to know

There is a new packaging law (VerpackG2) to protect the environment and the climate: Less disposable plastic packaging is to be used for takeaway food and beverages, for example for coffee cups (to-go) or for food boxes (takeaway food).

The new rules apply as of 1 January 2023.



Rules for large businesses

(more than 5 employees and 80 m²)

If a business offers disposable plastic packaging, then it must also offer reusable packaging as an alternative.

Option 1: The establishment can buy its own reusable packaging, for example made of plastic or glass.

Option 2: The establishment can cooperate with a company that offers reusable packaging (pooled reusable system)

In Ulm, we founded a project team for reusable packaging in the food service business. The team's recommendation is the pool system of Relevo, which uses glass containers for the food. Further Examples for pool systems are Recup and Vytal.

The Rules:

Food and beverages in reusable packaging must not be more expensive.

No discounts or other benefits may be given for food and beverages in disposable packaging.

A deposit may be charged on reusable packaging.

Establishments must display clearly visible and legible information on reusable packaging, for example on signs or posters.

Establishments must take back reusable packaging that they give out.

There are rules (hygiene regulations) for taking back, cleaning and dispensing the cups or trays. The rules must be observed.

Establishments must collect dirty packaging separately. Dirty packaging must not be placed near foodstuffs.

Rules for small businesses:

(less than 5 employees and 80 m²)

Establishments must fill food and beverages into cups or bowls brought by the customer if requested by the customer.

Establishments must indicate on clearly visible and legible information boards that they fill food or beverages into containers customers bring with them.

Establishments bear no responsibility for ensuring that the containers brought in are suitable for transporting foodstuffs.

When filling containers, the applicable hygiene regulations and food safety requirements must be observed.

Weitere Infos:

Pool systems that are frequently applied in Ulm:

Relevo containers made of glass or plastic:
shop.hogakaprofi.de

Recup containers made of plastic: recup.de

Vytal containers made of plastic: vytal.org

Hygiene & reusable tablewear:
www.lebensmittelverband.de

Pool systems and further information:
www.dehogabw.de

Campaign „Eating with reusable“:
www.esseninmehrweg.de



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