

Producers of certain single-use plastic products are covered by the extended producer responsibility and must register in the producer responsibility register.

Starting January 1, 2025, extended producer responsibility will be introduced in Denmark for certain single-use plastic products.

What does extended producer responsibility mean?

Extended producer responsibility for certain single-use plastic products means that the producers of these products are responsible for contributing to the cost of cleaning that is carried out on public areas by Danish municipalities, the Danish Nature Agency, and the Danish Road Directorate.

Where the upcoming producer responsibility for packaging involves all packaging producers, the extended producer responsibility for certain single-use plastic products only concerns producers of the following 8 product categories:

Food containers, beverage containers (including beverage bottles), cups for beverages, packets and wrappers, lightweight plastic carrier bags, balloons, wet wipes, and tobacco products with filters and filters marketed for use in combination with tobacco products.

Is your business covered by the legislation?

You can learn more about producer responsibility and the different product categories on the Danish Environmental Protection Agency's website here. Your company is required to register if it is covered by the producer definition according to the executive order's § 2, no. 18, which states:

'producer' means:

- (a) any natural or legal person established in Denmark that professionally manufactures, fills or imports, irrespective of the selling technique used, including by means of distance contracts as defined in point (7) of Article 2 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council (21), and places on the market of Denmark single-use plastic products, filled single-use plastic products, or
- (b) any natural or legal person established in one Member State or in a third country that professionally sells in Denmark directly to private households or to users other than private households, by means of distance contracts as defined in point (7) of Article 2 of Directive 2011/83/EU, single-use plastic products, filled single-use plastic products.

What should covered companies do?

If your company is covered by the extended producer responsibility for certain single-use plastic products, it must register in the producer responsibility register on the Danish Producer Responsibility's website here. Registration costs DKK 1,000 as a one-time fee if it's the first producer responsibility that the company registers. If the company is already registered for another producer responsibility in the producer responsibility register it costs DKK 500.

The registration with the Danish Producer Responsibility register must be done by December 17, 2024 at the latest.

Companies that are not covered

If your company only purchases single-use plastic products from other Danish suppliers, you will most likely not be covered by the registration and reporting obligation. However, in the case of packets and wrappers, the producer responsibility typically lies with the company that fills the packets and wrappers.

You should ensure that your suppliers are registered in the producer responsibility register. If your company purchases products abroad and sells/uses them in Denmark, the company will likely be considered an importer and thus be covered.

If you are uncertain whether your company is covered by the producer responsibility, you may contact the Danish Producer Responsibility (DPA) at info@producentansvar.dk or phone 3915 5161 - Weekdays between 9-15.

Best regards,

The Danish Environmental Protection Agency

*Legal basis: https://www.retsinformation.dk/eli/lta/2024/904