

## Extended producer responsibility

On 25 September 2025, Dansk Træemballage (DTE), together with a number of other manufacturers, clarified the definition of reusable packaging and disposable packaging in dialogue with the Danish Environmental Protection Agency (Miljøstyrelsen). This means that the majority of the packaging DTE produces is categorized as reusable packaging. Currently, no waste management fee is charged for reusable packaging.

### 1. Reusable packaging

The pallets, pallet frames, veneer boxes and fruit boxes that DTE produces are categorized as reusable packaging. If there is a name or trademark on it, it is the customer who bears the producer responsibility and must report the reusable packaging. If there is no name or trademark on it, it is DTE who bears the producer responsibility and reports the reusable packaging. For reusable packaging, only a fee for administration must be paid to the Danish Producer Responsibility (DPA) and the Ministry of the Environment.

### 2. Single-use packaging

Single-use packaging, such as special boxes for export that are used once, are subject to a fee for waste management. If there is a name or trademark on disposable packaging, it is the customer who bears the producer responsibility and must report the single-use packaging and pay the fee. If the single-use packaging is exported, no fee must be reported and paid. If there is no name on the single-use packaging, DTE bears the producer responsibility and pays the fee. DTE recovers the fee for waste management in dialogue with the customer.

### 3. Packaging fee rates

When wooden packaging is placed on the market in Denmark from 1 October, the following will be charged: 1) a fee for the handling of wooden packaging waste to a collective scheme (DTE is a member of VANA) of DKK 1.04 per kg., 2) a fee to DPA for administration of DKK 0.0746 per kg., and 3) a fee to the Ministry of the Environment and Gender Equality of DKK 0.025 per kg., also for administration. For reusable packaging, only fees 2 and 3 are charged. For single-use packaging, fees 1, 2 and 3 are charged. It is the company that has producer responsibility, who is responsible for reporting and fee payment.

### 4. Packaging is returned and more information

In order for packaging to be reusable packaging, the responsible company must handle the packaging waste. This means that there must be a return scheme for the reusable packaging. DTE receives used packaging at our department in Brande, which will be stated in our sale and delivery terms. DTE also takes back reusable packaging with the customer's name or trademark. Thus, the customer also has a return scheme through DTE. There are still many unresolved issues, including the practical handling of the recovery of fees paid on exported packaging. More information can be found on the DPA [website](#), the VANA [website](#) or the DTE [website](#).