

EU Declaration of Conformity

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2025/40 (PPWR) – Annex VIII

Big Box (750 Black) – DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY (Annex VIII)

1 Unique identification of the packaging

O.1.021O – Big Box (750 Black)

Family SKUs: **750**

Traceability via GRAI / GS1 barcode / DMC and human readable code

2 Name & address of the manufacturer (and authorised representative)

EPS Europe B.V.

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Manufacturer per PPWR Art. 3(13): EPS designs and markets the packaging under its own name.

Authorised representative: none appointed. EPS Europe B.V. is the manufacturer established in the EU (Art. 3(13)) and retains the EU declaration of conformity and technical documentation (Art. 17 authorised representative is optional and not used). Any per-Member-State authorised representative for extended producer responsibility (Art. 45) is handled separately under the EPR/registration workstream.

3 Sole-responsibility statement

This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer. EPS Europe B.V. declares under its sole responsibility and to the best of its knowledge that the packaging described below complies with Regulation (EU) 2025/40 (PPWR) in its latest version.

4 Object of the declaration (description)

Format: Foldable

Type: Transport packaging

Food contact: Yes

Single-use or reusable: Reusable (closed-loop pooling system).

Description: Reusable foldable transport packaging with perforated drop doors for heavy-duty loads and the containment, protection, handling, storage and transport of fruit, vegetables and packed food products, used within the EPS closed-loop pooling system.

Main material: Combination of Polypropylene (PP) and High-density polyethylene (HDPE); PP base is produced with 98% recycled PP (rPP)¹ and the HDPE sidewalls are 100% virgin HDPE.

Additives: ≤ 2% colour masterbatch (black pigment), UV stabiliser, processing aids

Clips/closures: Black hinges and black locks made of HDPE

Label: adhesive labels with polyester film, and hot foil printed EPS logo and address

¹Recycled PP (rPP) in the base is supplied by Schoeller Allibert under its registered recycling scheme (registration RON NL3-2Z1-OOM) in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/1616.

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5 Conformity with other Union legislation

Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste (PPWR)

Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste – repealed; references construed as the PPWR per Annex XIII (correlation table)

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH)

Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006 on good manufacturing practice for food-contact materials

Regulation (EU) 2022/1616 on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

6 Harmonised standards / common specifications

EN 13429:2004 – Packaging: Reuse

EN 13430:2004 – Packaging: Requirements for packaging recoverable by material recycling

EN 13695-1:2000 – Measurement/verification of the four heavy metals and dangerous substances in packaging

References to the repealed Directive 94/62/EC shall be construed as references to EU 2025/40 and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex XIII.

Internal & supplier references: EPS product & technical datasheets (PDS/TDS) for the format; Supplier material specifications and declarations of compliance (HDPE, rHDPE, PP, rPP, masterbatch); 8.2.056 New Material Compliance & Approval Procedure; 8.2.055 New Material Compliance & Approval Checklist

7 Notified body

None. PPWR conformity assessment follows Annex VII, Module A (internal production control); no notified-body intervention is required. The accredited test laboratories that produced the supporting reports (Intertek, SGS, GBA, TNO, Fraunhofer) are not notified bodies; their reports form part of the technical documentation, point (f).

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This statement and the supporting analyses are based on the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 (PPWR) applicable and available at the date of issue. Recognising that additional delegated acts, implementing acts, harmonised standards, and official guidance may be adopted to further specify the requirements of the Regulation, EPS Europe B.V. will monitor such developments and revise this statement and the underlying assessments, where necessary, to maintain ongoing compliance with the applicable regulatory framework.