

... reporting packaging volumes in the LUCID Packaging Register (data reporting)

What you need to know about data reporting

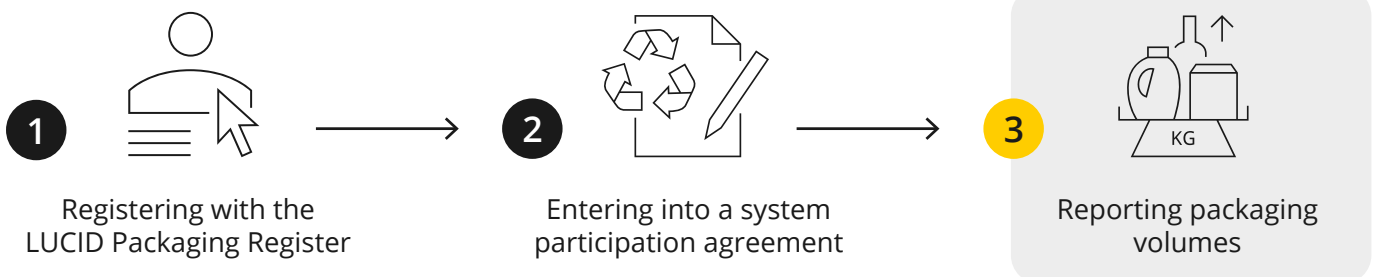
Are you selling and distributing goods in Germany? Are you placing packaging on the German market that is subject to system participation? For example retail, grouped or shipment packaging? If the answer is 'yes', then registering with the LUCID Packaging Register is not enough. You are required by law to pay for the recycling of your packaging. To fulfil this requirement, you first have to conclude a system participation agreement with one or more system(s) or system operator(s). Then you have to report the exact same packaging volumes that you have reported to your system to the ZSVR's LUCID Packaging Register. This is called 'data reporting'.

What are 'systems', and what do they do?

The systems carry out recovery and recycling services nationwide in Germany. Private final consumers dispose of their packaging waste in yellow bags/bins, paper bins and paper/glass containers after use. The packaging is processed at sorting and recycling plants, where as much high-quality material is recovered as possible. An overview of system operators [↗](#) can be found on our website. If you are not sure about the packaging type you are placing on the German market, take a look at this graphic [↗](#).



Your legal obligations at a glance



How to submit data reports on packaging volumes

The general rule is as follows: you are required to submit every data report about packaging volumes that you make to your system operator to the LUCID Packaging Register – even if the volumes you reported to your system operator are ‘zero’ because you did not place any packaging on the German market during the reporting period. The data reported to the system and to the LUCID Packaging Register must be identical. In other words, the material types and volumes per material type must match.



Data reporting with your system operator

You submit a data report to a system when you ...

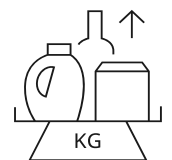
- ... report your packaging volumes when concluding a system participation agreement,
- ... extend an existing system participation agreement,
- ... submit additional reports about packaging volumes at contractually agreed intervals,
- ... correct a report about packaging volumes that you had already submitted,
- ... report your packaging volumes because the system operator asked you to do so.



Data reporting in the LUCID Packaging Register


How often do you have to report your packaging volumes in LUCID?

- This depends on what you agreed in your system participation agreement. Typical intervals include monthly, quarterly or yearly data reports.
- If no intervals were agreed in your system participation agreement, you have to at least report the total packaging volume from your system participation agreement as an annual planned volume to the LUCID Packaging Register.

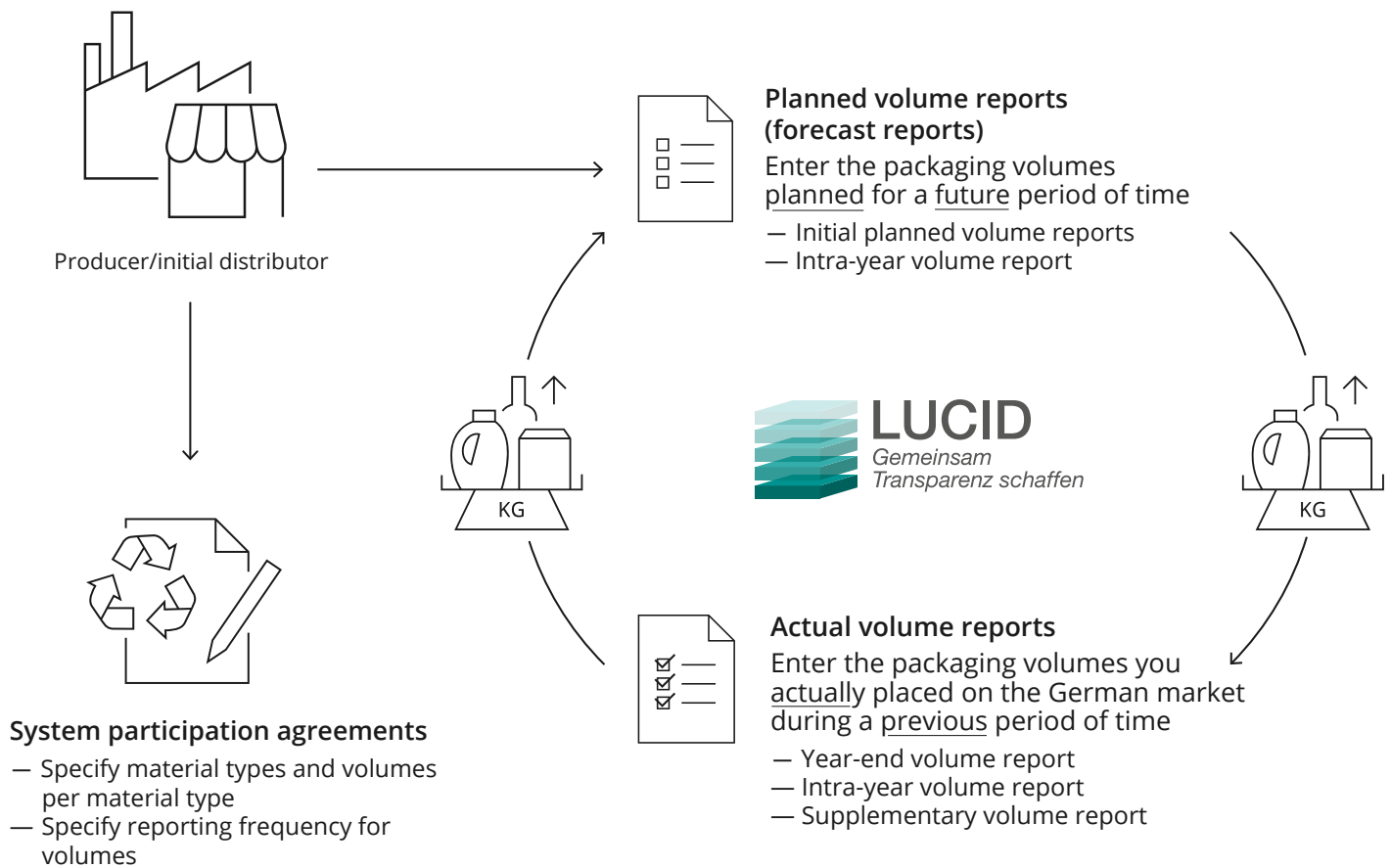


What information do you have to file in the LUCID Packaging Register?

- The reporting period. This period must match the one used for the report to your system operator.
- The name of the system with which you concluded a system participation agreement.
- Material types (e. g. paper/paperboard/cardboard, plastics, ferrous metals or glass) and packaging volumes per material type. Enter the packaging volumes in kilogrammes to the third decimal point.

 Please make sure that the registration number in your system participation agreement matches the one in the LUCID Packaging Register so that data reports can be conclusively assigned to you. If the registration number is missing from your system operator's volume confirmation, please contact them.

There is a difference between planned volume reports (forecast reports) and actual volume reports:



You must report the material mass of your packaging in kilogrammes (e. g. 1.000 kg of paper). Do not report the number of packaging units (e. g. 2,000 units of paper packaging).

Where can I find further information?

[Overview of system participation and data reporting ↗](#)

[Further information about data reporting ↗](#)

[LUCID Packaging Register ↗](#)

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