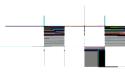


packaging sent between businesses as detailed below.

* This exception includes products where the standard base model is over 45 kg, but consumer selection may remove some aesthetic elements that reduce the total product weight below 45 kg, or where there is a shared packaging solution with a lighter weight model.

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that alternatives to expanded plastic packaging have been explored; if at least two compliant packaging alternatives (e.g. moulded cardboard, hybrid card and air pillows) fail to provide the standard of protection (determined above), this would be sufficient evidence that expanded plastic packaging is required.

Note: Product information obtained when undertaking compliance procedures will always be treated confidentially.

In addition, there are some product types which are identified as fragile due to the nature of their weight and precision equipment. These are listed in Appendix 1. This list will be reviewed as EP-free packaging options increase.

Note: When testing alternative packaging, consider the alternative designs and materials that can be introduced in existing manufacturing processes and transport logistics. For some items, viability of alternative packaging may require further innovation, research and volume prior to becoming comparable to existing process efficiency in an automated factory. Please contact the department to discuss your processes and arrangements.

Hybrid packaging with reduced single-use plastic content is considered the next best approach. However, this is not mandated through regulation.

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Refrigeration equipment with pre-charged refrigerants

Air-conditioners with pre-charged refrigerants

Large mirrors and vases

Bespoke or one-off sculptural glass and art applications

Heavier weight electronic appliances as per the class exemption SUP0002/2024/1

Note: These classes of products are permitted to use expanded plastic packaging under regulatory exemption for fragile products or the class exemption for heavy electronic goods; hence, the 1 March 2025 manufacturing date does not apply.