

What is the UK Plastic Packaging Tax?

The UK has developed a Plastics Tax that encourages businesses to use plastic packaging with 30% or more recycled content. This makes the UK the first country to tax virgin plastic packaging.

Since 1st April 2022, the UK Plastic Packaging Tax will charge £200 per tonne on any packaging that contains less than 30% recycled content (although all plastic will need to be declared, only part of it is chargeable).

Who needs to comply?

Under the UK's [Plastic Packaging Tax](#), businesses importing or manufacturing over 10 tonnes of finished plastic packaging must register for the tax.

What do businesses need to provide?

Businesses will need to report on the total amount of plastic packaging they manufacture or import.

They will also be required to provide any evidence that may be required, for example, to support claims that packaging that contains recycled content has been exported or converted into new components.

How can Anthesis support?

Anthesis can support you to understand your Plastic Packaging Tax obligation by performing an assessment of the packaging you import or manufacture. We will complete the assessment in two phases:



Data Discovery

Anthesis will undertake a packaging baseline to review your data quality and availability and to identify any gaps, helping you to understand your packaging portfolio data in a digestible and concise way.



Data Validation

Anthesis will associate sales to packaging specifications and calculate the tonnage of packaging by material so you can understand whether your business meets or exceeds the 10-tonne threshold making you liable for the Plastic Tax.

Already know you are liable for the UK Plastic Packaging Tax?

Anthesis can help you understand the level of recycled content within your packaging portfolio to help mitigate associated fees and identify any hotspots where recycled content could be included going forward.

[Find out more](#) 

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