



## Packaging Policy

PP Group understands its responsibility when it comes to packaging our products in a responsible manner. For us, responsible means that various aspects have to be taken into account. First of all packaging obviously has to comply with all relevant laws and regulations as concerned suitability for food purposes, labelling and other mandatory elements. It also means that the packaging meets the expectations of our customers. Finally, packaging of our products is done in a way that is least harmful for the environment.

In this policy the packaging of produced end products is defined as follows: 'packaging' of end products as defined here does not include the aspects of labelling, but merely the physical encasing of the products as to maintain their quality through the logistic process and storage period. Any protective atmosphere inside the packaging is thus regarded as a part of the packaging.

In general, PP Group strives to ensure that the packaging we use is:

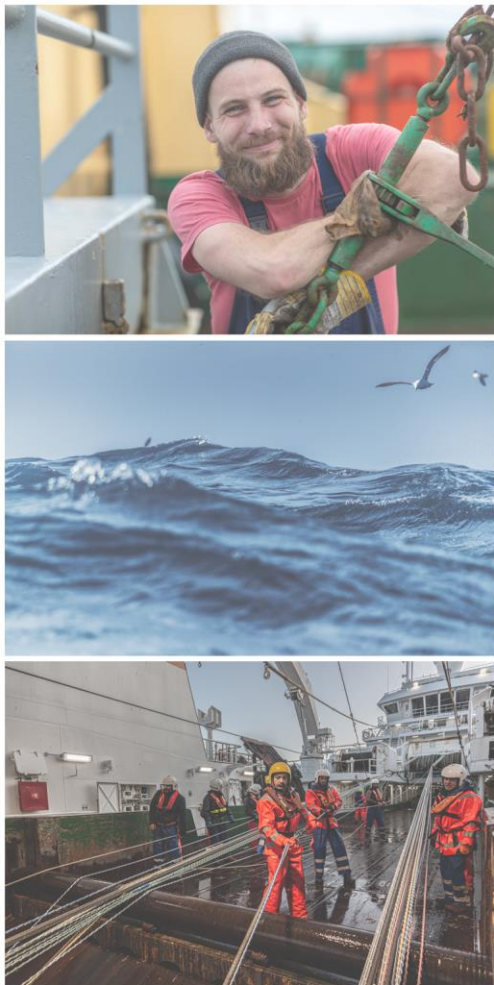
- Safe, ecological and fit for purpose;
- Ensure shelf life and hygiene;
- Is as sustainable as possible.

Packaging used by PP Group must not release ingredients or constituents into food in quantities that endanger health. They must also not lead to any unacceptable alteration of the food product or cause any odor or taste impairment. For certain material groups, such as plastics, there are also extensive individual regulations on the manufacturing process and permitted material composition. It goes without saying that the PP Group complies with all relevant legal framework conditions.

The essential purpose of our packaging is its protective function, i.e. to prevent the contents from becoming soiled or altered by mechanical influences. Likewise, our packaging should keep harmful environmental influences such as light, oxygen or moisture away from the food product. In this way, we significantly contain spoilage caused by microorganisms, flavor changes and vitamin losses, as well as foreign odors. Our goal is to produce healthy, flavorful and safe food products.

Environmental protection and sustainability are also essential pillars of our packaging philosophy. That's why we strive to ensure that the packaging we use is increasingly recyclable or can be disposed of with low levels of harmful substances. The discussion about increasing amounts of waste, the pollution of the oceans with plastic waste, and the problem of micro plastics in the food chain are leading us to focus more and more intensively on these important issues.

This policy is equally applicable to suppliers as concerned the packing of their raw materials supplied.





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### Questions?

If you have questions about this policy or wish to raise a concern please contact the CSR Department of PP Group via [csr@pp-group.eu](mailto:csr@pp-group.eu) or telephone number +31(0)71 789 00 00 (Monday-Friday during office hours).

*This policy, our procedures and internal audits are designed to ensure that PP Group complies with all applicable laws and regulations and will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to ensure that it remains current and effective.*

**Approved by the board of PP Group  
Valkenburg, 18 September 2022**

