

Information on the Packaging Act

The RATHGEBER Group with the companies RATHGEBER GmbH & Co. KG, RATHGEBER, k.s., smart-TEC GmbH & Co. KG and RATHGEBER Sp. z o. o. fulfills its obligation to comply with the relevant environmental regulations and the continuous improvement of environmental protection with commitment and motivation. For many years, our production has been climate-neutral and we are constantly reducing our environmental impact, such as energy consumption, waste water, waste or the relevance and quantities of pollutants at our sites and in our products at our sites and in our products.

As a manufacturer of durable technical and decorative product labeling, as well as customized NFC/RFID tags for Industry 4.0 and IoT, we ship our products in environmentally friendly outer packaging. Both RATHGEBER GmbH & Co. KG and smart-TEC GmbH & Co. KG are both registered in the Central Central Packaging Register (LUCID). The relevant provisions of the **Packaging Act** as amended from time to time. These are among others:

- **Documentation obligation according to § 15 (3) VerpackG** and
- **Obligation to provide information in accordance with § 15 (1) VerpackG; in this context to the possibility of return or an optional special agreement with you as the customer.**

The Packaging Act sets out product responsibility requirements for packaging in accordance with Section 23 of the Closed Substance Cycle and Waste Management Act. The aim is to avoid or reduce the impact of packaging waste on the environment. In order to achieve this, packaging waste should be avoided as a priority and also prepared for reuse or recycling. At the same time, market participants should be protected from unfair competition.

In the context of these regulations, we have been focusing for many years on reducing the amount of packaging used without negatively affecting the quality of our products. We ensure that the packaging we use is free of harmful substances, sustainable and recyclable.

We are already implementing many of the requirements of the new EU packaging regulation (PPWR). These include the increased use of recycled materials, the continuous increase in the recycling rates of our packaging and the development of sustainable packaging solutions. We are proud to be taking measures now that will only become mandatory in the future, thus making an active contribution to environmental protection.

As part of our environmental management certification in accordance with DIN ISO 14001, we have established appropriate processes and control mechanisms to ensure compliance with the new EU packaging regulation and continuously improve our environmental performance.