**Packaging form**

As part of your organic product certification, you must be able to demonstrate that you are compliant with the Soil Association packaging standards (5.16). Completing this form is an easy way to show compliance. A copy of the completed form should be sent to your certification officer and a copy should be kept by you to show at your inspection. Please ask your packaging supplier for information if you are unable to answer any of the questions on this form.

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| Company name or SA licence number |  | Date completed |  |
| Name of product/range of products | Use a separate sheet for each product/ range with different packaging |

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| 1. Do you source all yourpackaging from the Soil Association or are all of your products

packaged by another Soil Association licensee e.g. subcontracted meat packing? | Yes **[ ]**  | You do not need to complete the rest of this form | No **[ ]**   | Please complete therest of this form |

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| **2. Summary of packaging** | Material(e.g. plastic -polypropylene) | Function |
| **2.1** Primary packaging (retail) |
| Component 1 |       |       |
| Component 2 |       |       |
| Component 3 |       |       |
| Component 4 |       |       |
| **2.2** Secondary packaging (grouping/display)  |
| Component 1 |       |       |
| Component 2 |       |       |
| Component 3 |       |       |
| Component 4 |       |       |
| **2.3** Tertiary packaging (transport and bulk packaging) |
| Component 1 |       |       |
| Component 2 |       |       |
| Component 3 |       |       |

| **3. Questions about your packaging** We may ask you for further information if necessary | Yes | No |
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| **a)** Do you use any bleached paper/cardboard/corrugate material containing chlorine?*It must be ‘totally chlorine-free’ (TCF) or ‘elemental chlorine-free’ (ECF)* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **b)** Do you use any recycled paper containing chlorine? *It must be ‘process chlorine-free’ (PCF)*  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **c)** Do you use any paper, card and pulp packaging materials from forest ecosystems which do not have FSC or PEFC certification? \* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **d)** Do you use any plastic materials, coatings, dyes or inks containing phthalates that **do not** come into direct contact with organic product? \* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **e)** Do any plastic materials, coatings, dyes or inks containing phthalates come in direct contact with organic product? | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **f)** Does the packaging contain polyvinyl chloride (PVC)? | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **g)** Does any packaging contain any other chlorinated plastics? \* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **h)** Is any packaging made from GMOs, ingredients derived from GMOs or enzymes made by GMOs? \*\* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **i)** Does any primary packaging contain intentionally used BPA? \* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **j)** Does any packaging contain oxo-degradable plastics? \* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **k)** Does any primary packaging contain polystyrene? \* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **l)** Does any packaging contain per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemical substances? \**See* [*SA Standards 5.15.10*](https://www.soilassociation.org/media/23374/sa-gb-food_drink-standards.pdf) *for a list of risk materials* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| **m)** Is this a new packaging material which has not been previously approved by the Soil Association?*If you answered yes to the above and are using new packaging, we will also require a packaging specification to be submitted* | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| *\* These questions relate to new packaging standards published in March 2024. See section 5.16 of the* [*SA Standards*](https://www.soilassociation.org/media/23374/sa-gb-food_drink-standards.pdf) *for further information.**\* For biodegradable & compostable packaging there are many products made from source crops which are potentially GM, such as maize.*  *See list of exempt materials and applications in* [*SA Standards 5.16.6.*](https://www.soilassociation.org/media/23374/sa-gb-food_drink-standards.pdf)  *Adequate demonstration of non-GM for packaging materials includes:**• Raw materials made from organic crops**• Non-GMO Project certification**• IP or PCR testing results for the raw materials* |