

COSPAK

The specialists in glass & plastic packaging



Glass, Plastic & Metal Packaging

Wine, Beer & Spirit Bottles, Beverage Bottles & Food Jars

Pharmaceutical & Chemical Containers

National Packaging Covenant

Action Plan 2005-2008

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Cospak Pty Ltd is a national wholesale packaging supplier with the Head Office in Sydney and Branches in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth.
2. As a 100% privately owned Australian company, Cospak is dedicated to the prevention of waste and the minimization of costs on the business, embracing the principles of environmental impact minimization and the spirit of the National Packaging Covenant.
3. Cospak signed the original National Packaging Covenant in May 2003 and re-signed the new strengthened Covenant in October 2005 to continue its commitment to the ongoing principles of waste reduction, resource reduction and an increase in the use of recycling.
4. As a manufacturer (importer), a member of the packaging supply chain and a signatory to the Covenant, Cospak Pty Ltd is committed to upholding the principles of the National Packaging Covenant and the 2005-2008 Action Plan details the actions that will be undertaken and the targets that have been set to be achieved.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Cospak Pty Ltd is a 100% Australian privately owned company providing a comprehensive range of rigid packaging. Established in 1969 as Bottle Containers Pty Ltd., Cospak continues as a leading supplier of glass and plastic containers. Over time the company worked hard to ensure strong growth and accelerated this process with the acquisition of DM Supplies in Perth, Combined Packaging in Newcastle, Newpro in Sydney, Jars Plus in Melbourne and Elaine's Bottles and Jars in Hobart.

Cospak is not only a major national distributor for significant Australian and New Zealand manufacturers, but also offers product and support from substantial quality oriented suppliers located in Europe, the UK, Middle East, Asia and the USA. Cospak has offices in every State in Australia and is quality endorsed to ISO9001-2000.

In October 2005 Cospak sold its General Packaging and Flexibles Divisions to Bunzl plc, a multi national company listed on the UK Stock Exchange, signaling a return to concentration on its core business of glass and plastic rigid packaging.

Cospak originally signed the National Packaging Covenant in May 2003, and Managing Director David Driver re-signed the new and strengthened Covenant in October 2005 to continue Cospak's commitment to the ongoing principles of waste reduction, reduction in the use of natural resources, and an increase in recycling.

To further encourage industry participants, and to recognize and reward brand owner excellence in packaging waste management, Cospak is sponsoring the 2006 Packaging Magazine Evolution Award for the best Pharmaceutical Packaging Action Plan.

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PRODUCT RANGE

The Cospak product catalogue is available on the Cospak website at www.cospak.com.au. The Cospak sales range includes:

- Cartons and dividers
- Glass bottles and jars
- Rigid Plastic Containers
- Tin cans, pails and drums

PACKAGING AT COSPAK

Cospak's place in the supply chain is as a wholesale distributor and importer, receiving product from packaging manufacturers. Cospak then stores and distributes to customers who use them to pack their products - usually in the outer packaging provided by the original manufacturer.

The main packaging items used by Cospak are cartons for repacking and stretch wrap for stabilizing and protecting loads. Packaging is a cost to us and to our customer so we always strive to keep it to a minimum within the constraints of ensuring that it does an effective job of protecting its contents.

Cospak internally uses the following types of packaging:

- Corrugated cardboard boxes/shippers
- Bottle dividers
- HDPE carton liner bags
- Pallet stretch wrap film
- Packaging tapes
- Pallets – reusable
- Pallets – disposable
- Plain labels (laser printed on site as required)
- Invoice enclosed self adhesive envelopes

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

1. Cospak will encourage suppliers to become signatories to the National Packaging Covenant, work with them to reduce the volume of packaging used, and encourage them to use recycled materials.
2. We will recommend wherever possible that customers use packaging supplied by our Covenant Signatory suppliers, and to use the Environmental Code of Practice for Packaging during the design process for new products.
3. Cospak will commit to recycling all product and packaging rendered unsaleable in our distribution centres. This includes broken glass, plastic pallet wrappings, paper and carton board. Wherever possible we will ensure that materials used are recyclable or reusable to reduce to a minimum any adverse environmental effects.
4. Cospak will increase staff awareness of the National Packaging Covenant and our targets concerning reduction of waste in our business.
5. Cospak will continue to educate its staff and customers in the correct handling of returnable packaging to ensure we achieve maximum returns in useable condition for prolonged service life.
6. Cospak will review its repacking operation to determine whether carton board consumption can be reduced, and whether a greater level of recyclability can be achieved in this activity.
7. We will encourage all our suppliers to research means of light weighting products or re-designing them to reduce the amount of material used subject to maintaining structural integrity and practical use.
8. Cospak will investigate means of reducing its use of natural resources including electricity and fossil fuels.
9. Cospak will maintain records in order to be able to measure track performance against commitments made in the Action Plan.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND TARGETS

Cospak Pty Ltd is an importer and wholesale distributor of imported and locally manufactured packaging, and as a manufacturer (importer), a member of the packaging supply chain and a signatory to the Covenant is committed to supply baseline data and report on ongoing performance data against the following eleven Key Performance Indicator's (KPI's). The numbering system from the National Packaging Covenant has been maintained for ease of reference.

Goal 1

Packaging optimized to integrate considerations about resource efficiency, maximum resource utilization, product protection, safety and hygiene.

Key Performance Indicators	Reporting Measure	Action	Target
2. Resources used to produce packaging: - Energy (megajoules). - Water (kilolitres).	2A. Report energy consumption in Megajoules (MJ) per tonne of packaging produced, by material type. 2B. Report water consumption in Kilolitres (KI) per tonne of packaging produced, by material type.	Cospak is an importer of packaging from New Zealand, Europe, the UK, Middle East, Asia and the USA and is unable to source this information. The resources used to produce locally sourced packaging will be reported by the local manufacturers in their Action Plans.	Not applicable.
3. Improvements in design, manufacture, marketing and distribution to minimize the environmental impacts of packaging	3A. Report examples of improvements made to packaging and their effect on minimizing the environmental impacts of the packaging.	During 2005-2006 Cospak will be looking for opportunities to: - further lightweight glass containers - replace rigid packaging with flexible pouches - introduce shorter height dividers to the wine industry - replace corrugated dividers with light weight solid board interlocking dividers.	The results of these investigations will be incorporated into the 2005-2006 Action Plan Report in October 2006.
4. Changes to protection, hygiene, shelf-life or supply chain considerations affecting amount and type of packaging used.	4A. Report changes to protection, safety, hygiene, shelf life or supply chain considerations affecting amount & type of packaging used with examples, and their associated impact on the amounts and types of packaging used. 4B. Quantitative details of changes should be provided where possible e.g. additional tonnes of packaging required, changes to materials used etc.	During 2005-2006 Cospak will investigate the removal of cardboard packaging from certain pharmaceutical containers to decrease the potential for contamination during the manufacturing process.	The results of this investigation will be incorporated into the 2005-2006 Action Plan Report in October 2006.
5. Average % per annum, of post-consumer recycled content in packaging manufactured.	5A. Report average annual percentage of recycled content incorporated into packaging manufactured (finished packaging) by material type.	As previously reported Cospak's manufactured products are imported from overseas and although some of these have 100% post-consumer recycled content, this does not impact on Australian recycling initiatives. The average % per annum, of post consumer recycled content in locally sourced packaging will be reported by the local manufacturers in their Action Plans.	Not applicable.

Goal 2

Efficient resource recovery systems for consumer packaging and paper.

Key Performance Indicator	Reporting Measure	Action	Target
16. Percentage of signatories providing recycling collection facilities for post-consumer packaging generated on-site.	<p>16A. Report whether on-site recycling facilities are provided or not.</p> <p>16B. If yes, provide details.</p>	Although recycling facilities are provided in some sites this needs to be part of a national strategy which will be implemented during 2005-2006.	Report on progress in 2005-2006 Action Plan Report in October 2006.

Goal 4

Supply chain members and other signatories able to demonstrate how their actions contribute to Goals 1 and 2 above.

Key Performance Indicator	Reporting Measure	Action	Target
21. Estimated tonnage of consumer packaging sent (a) for recycling and (b) to landfill from on-site collection facilities	<p>21A. Report on amounts of consumer packaging from on-site collection which is</p> <p>(i) Sent for recycling (tonnes and % of total waste); and</p> <p>(ii) Sent to landfill (tonnes and % of total waste).</p>	Cospak has various waste collection suppliers, some of whom are reluctant to provide this information. This needs to be part of a national strategy which will be investigated during 2005-2006.	Report on progress in 2005-2006 Action Plan Report in October 2006.
22. Number of signatories who have formally adopted the EcoPP and developed systems for its implementation.	<p>22A. Report whether EcoPP has been formally adopted.</p> <p>22B. Report actions and commitments that demonstrate that the EcoPP has been implemented.</p>	Provision has been made to incorporate the ECoPP into future supply agreements and suppliers and trade partners will be audited to ensure that they are signatories to the NPC.	An ECoPP checklist will be incorporated into future supply agreements prior to the submission of the 2005-2006 Action Plan Report in October 2006.
26. Implementation of Buy Recycled purchasing policy or practices.	<p>26A. Report whether the signatory has implemented a Buy Recycled purchasing policy or practices.</p> <p>26B. If yes, provide details and quantitative data where available.</p>	Provision has been made to incorporate a Buy Recycled purchasing policy into future supply agreements.	A Buy Recycled purchasing policy will be incorporated into future supply agreements prior to the submission of the 2005-2006 Action Plan Report in October 2006.

Goal 5

All signatories demonstrate continuous improvements in their management of packaging through their individual Action Plans and annual Reports.

Key Performance Indicator	Reporting Measure	Action	Target
27. Establishment of baseline performance data	<p>27A. Report indicative baseline data (where available), including qualifiers & assumptions, by 30 November 2005.</p> <p>27B. Report established baseline data by 31 October 2006.</p>	Systems are in place to collect the required indicative baseline data, including qualifiers and assumptions.	Current baseline data will be collected and incorporated into the 2005-2006 Action Plan Report in October 2006.
28. Annual Reporting against Action Plan.	28A. Report to be lodged by 31 October each year commencing 2006 and outlining progress against baseline data, individual Action Plan commitments, targets and timelines.	Cospak will prepare and submit an annual Report in each year of the Action Plan to report progress against baseline data, individual Action Plan commitments, targets and timelines.	An annual Report will be prepared and submitted by 31 October each year from 2006 in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Covenant.
29. Demonstrated improvement and achievements against individual targets and milestones.	29A. Annual report to clearly demonstrate continuous improvement and performance against individual targets and timelines in Action Plan.	Cospak will regularly review progress against individual targets and milestones and implement any actions as required to achieve continuous improvement and performance.	An annual Report will be prepared and submitted by 31 October each year from 2007 incorporating improvements and achievements against individual targets and milestones.

NPC CONTACT

Jonathan Evans, International Operations Manager, will be responsible for Cospak Pty Ltd's commitment to the National Packaging Covenant. Jonathan will report directly to the Managing Director, Mr. David Driver on all issues relating to the Covenant. This Action Plan has been endorsed by Mr. Driver.

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