



# Envar Compostable Packaging Acceptability Criteria

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# 1 Compostable packaging - Introduction

This specification defines the requirements for compostable products and packaging accepted at Envar Composting Limited facilities. The purpose of this specification is to ensure that only independently certified compostable materials are accepted for processing.

Compostable packaging is made from varying materials and is generally more compostable than non-designed to compost products. Studies show most products achieve very good composability within a standard composting facility and timeframe and all eventually break down when standards are applied, becoming soil inorganic material and microbial biomass.

This specification applies to all compostable products, packaging, food service items, films, bags and associated materials proposed for acceptance at Envar facilities.

Hopefully this guidance will clarify what compostable packaging is and how it is certified and aid in evaluating disposal options.

## 2 Envar's Acceptance Criteria

### 2.1 Allowable Materials

Materials must be certified to at least one of the following standards:

- EN 17427
- AS 5810-2010
- NF T51-800
- TÜV Austria OK Compost HOME
- EN 13432
- EN 14995
- ASTM D6400

Materials which do not have a standard as above indicated on the product or by certification may still have the words “biodegradable”, “compostable” or “made of natural materials” However; this does not mean they are acceptable into a composting process because this claim does not show the product complies with the standards in the above list.

## 2.2 Evidence

Prior to acceptance, Envar must receive a valid certificate of conformity issued by an appropriately accredited certification body. The certificate must apply to the complete product, including all component parts, coatings, inks, labels, adhesives, closures and attachments.

## 2.3 Restrictions

- Certification cannot be provided.
- Certification has expired or has been withdrawn.
- Certification applies only to individual components and not the complete product or all product components.
- The material contains non-compostable contaminants.

NB. Food contaminated materials cannot be accepted other than at Envar's IVC sites. Irrespective of composability.

## 2.4 Verification

Envar reserves the right to request updated certification, technical information or supporting evidence at any time. Acceptance remains subject to written approval by Envar prior to delivery.