

LEGALLY BINDING DECLARATIONS FOR PACKAGING COMPLIANCE: ARA DECLARATIONS DATABASE

Under the amendment to the Packaging Ordinance, you are required to provide your customers with

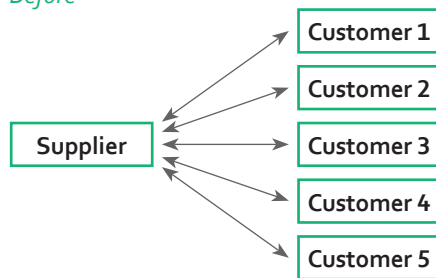
- advance information on compliance,
- the tariff categories involved, and
- the collection and recovery scheme used for each tariff category.

This means you have to inform every one of your customers about the fact that the packaging you supply to them is covered by a compliance agreement. At the same time, you have to obtain legally binding declarations from all suppliers who provide you with packaging covered by a compliance agreement. This annual or quarterly exchange of information can be very time-consuming.

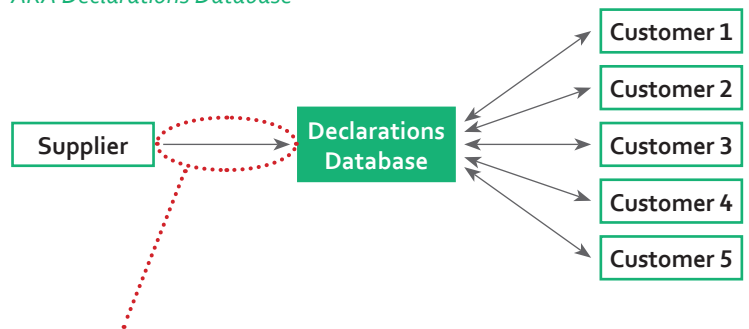
By using our new **Declarations Database** you can reduce to a minimum the time and effort involved:

Information to your customers

Before



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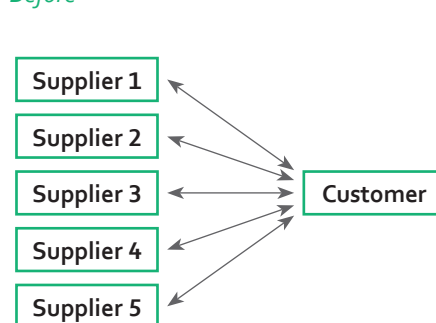


Instead of informing all your customers individually every year or quarter, you simply let them know that you will post the relevant information on our portal once per year, and they can download it from there.

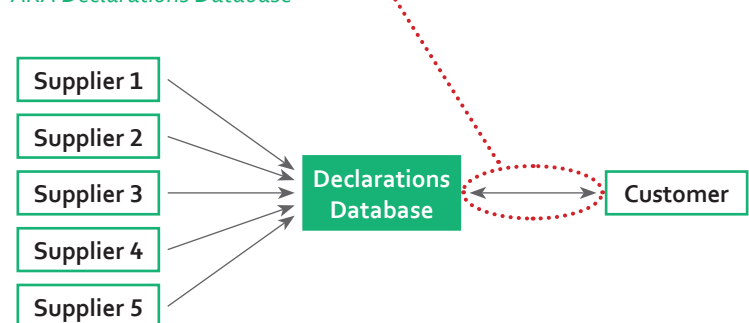
Likewise, you no longer have to follow up with your suppliers – find out at the touch of a button who of them uploaded the relevant information into our database.

Retrieving information

Before



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Businesses from EU Member States and EFTA countries (except Austria):

If you entered a compliance agreement for packaging or packaged goods you supply to your Austrian customers, you are obliged to actively send legally binding declarations to them. From 1 November 2015, we can provide the additional service of sending these declarations on your behalf.

Please note:

- At present, the Declarations Database **does not cover special agreements for contract filling or compliance agreements for unfilled packaging that does not fall under the definition of service packaging** (e.g. provided by manufacturers of packaging materials). Among other things, this is because the final regulation of contract filling will have to be provided by the Seveso amendment to the Waste Management Act.
- This tool only has the following options for **each packaging** material: **"Not applicable"**, **"100 % ARA"** or **"0 % ARA"**.

Take a look at the Declarations Database today by logging in at <https://online.ara.at> and selecting "RVE" (German language). Please refer to our [user guide and video](#) (both German language) for further information.

Please feel free to contact us in case of any questions!