

Single Use Plastic Directive: Turning Challenges into Opportunities

One of the leading carton packaging and commercial printing companies in the Baltics.

Export: more then 60% of Grafija/Vilpak turnover



Export geography Scandinavia

- Western Europe
- Baltic states





Number of employees

110 production workers+ administration







Turnover

16M € and +20% annually

+20%



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Clients

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Single-use Plastic Directive: what is it about?

The European Commission adopted the world's first comprehensive plastics strategy in January, 2018. One month ago it was adopted by the Council of the EU.

The new measures are believed to:





avoid 3.4 million tones of CO₂ emission;



avoid environmental damages which would cost **€22** *billion* by 2030;



save consumers €6.5 billion.



The First Step: turning attention to the 10 single-use plastic products, which account for 70% of the marine litter in Europe:







Cutlery, plates, straws & stirrers



Sticks for balloons

and balloons







Sweets wrappers



Beverage containers, cups



Wet wipes and sanitary items



Bags



Cigarette butts



Fishing gear



Under EPR (extended producer responsibility), manufacturers and brand owners (producers) are responsible for the products they make or sell, and any associated packaging, when they become waste.

Producers help to pay for the costs of collecting, transporting, recycling and responsibly disposing of these products and materials at the end of their life.







What does it mean to the Industry?



EPR costs will be eventually transferred to the end users.

Industry gets a grace period until alternatives to the products are created.

It is up to us how we use

this time-out:



New designs. Product innovations.

New materials.

New equipment and production methods.

VilPak way

We identified that our main clients, *food companies, are major consumers of expanded polystyrene (banned) and plastic trays.*

Switching for them is hard as those trays are cheap, durable and ensure longer shelf life.



We had to come up with a solution, which not only does those things, *but provides additional value.*







Thus we created The Green One™.





The Green One™











Competitive pricing:

eco alternatives to the plastic trays usually are very expensive. Longer shelf life: The Green One™ is fully hermetically sealed and thus MA suitable.

360° printable:

you can increase your brand image by using both sides of the package for your marketing needs. Easily recyclable:

plastic is easily peel able from carton.

No additional investments:

The Green One[™] is compatible with your existing machinery and tools.



The Green One[™]: good for the environment, good for your business.

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