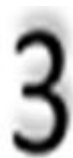


Share your experiences on the EU rules on pre-packaging of products

The European Commission is evaluating rules dealing with the measurement of quantities contained in pre-packaged goods and with their sizes (the Pre-packaging Directives). Out for consultation 3 major pieces of legislation on standardised filling in bottles and pre-packed products and EU legislation on pack sizes are being examined.

To help understand how these rules work in practice and what problems people encounter, the European Commission is conducting a survey. The survey investigates whether the following Directives are fit for purpose:

- Directive 75/107/EEC on bottles used as measuring containers, the application of which is voluntary but which is widely used. The relevant marking consists of a reversed epsilon marking ("3") next to the indication of quantity (volume) on the bottom of such bottles .
- Directive 76/211/EEC on the making-up by weight or volume of pre-packages (e-mark), which is voluntary and use is widespread. Pre-packed products bearing the e-mark can then be freely marketed throughout the EU. They are recognisable by the **large lower-case "e"** on the label or packaging, next to the indication of quantity (volume or weight).
- Directive 2007/45/EC on nominal quantities for pre-packed products (**pack-sizes**), which applies to all pre-packed products. Having liberalised pack sizes, the directive also promotes free circulation of products in the EU Single Market.



The [online EU-survey](#) is accessible in official EU languages¹ and will take 5 to 10 minutes to fill in. Consumers, consumer organisations, NGO's, small and medium-sized enterprises, large companies, industry federations and authorities are strongly encouraged to participate.² The EU survey is open from 13 January until 7 April 2015.

For questions, please send an e-mail to GROW-METROLOGY@ec.europa.eu

The results of the survey will be included in the final evaluation of the Directives. The Commission aims to publish the evaluation report by the end of 2015.

¹<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EvaluationoftheEURulesonnominalquantityandcapacityofprepackagedproducts>

² Parties and/or entities which have been individually contacted and already participated in the on-line survey do not need to fill in the EU survey, as the questions are the same.