

2024 figures

Metal packaging made of steel is collected via the blue bag. They belong to the PMD waste. Cans and tins are an example.







Recyclate applications

- New packaging for food and non-food (cans, pots, trays)
- Products such as a bicycle or a car part
- Applications in the construction industry

103%*

for members* of Fost Plus



*approx. 84% of all packaging on the Belgian market (by weight) comes from Fost Plus members. The rest is purchased by consumers abroad (cross-border purchases) or sold by businesses that consciously or unconsciously evade their take-back obligation (so-called free-riders).

A recycling rate > 100%?

- Ferrous metal is also recovered from incinerator ash. This means that even when steel packaging such as drinks cans is not selectively collected, it is still recycled and a high rate of material circularity is achieved.
- Packaging from companies that put < 300 kg of packaging on the market per year (exempt from declaration)
- Packaging from freeriders (companies that do not fulfil their packaging responsibilities and do not declare their packaging).

How is that possible?



Recycling percentage

Numerator = recycled, in weight

Denominator = packaging declared by Fost Plus members, in weight

If numerator > denominator

➡ recycling percentage +100 %



How is the recycling percentage calculated?

The recycling percentage is calculated when the recycling actually takes place, after removing any contaminants and unsuitable materials from the sorted bales. The method used has been determined at European level and validated by the Interregional Packaging Commission (IRPC).