

The Path to EPR Act: A Quick Guide on EPR Compliance

In 2022, the landscape of the Philippine packaging and plastic industry changed with the passing of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act.



What is the EPR Act of 2022?

RA 11898 requires large companies to manage the entire life cycle of the plastic they introduce to the market. They must ensure their plastic packaging, products, and materials are recovered and repurposed.

As a strategic business move, brands avoid hefty fines of. By complying, brands avoid fines of 5-20 million pesos and potential permit suspension. Shifting to EPR-compliant designs can cut raw material costs by 15-20% over five years, by reducing virgin plastic use and avoiding higher fees on non-recyclable materials.

The Recovery Roadmap

Year	Recovery Target (in %)
2023 (initial phase)	20%
2024	40%
2025-2027	Incremental increases
2028 onwards	80% recovery target

Who are Obligated?

- Large Enterprises* with total assets exceeding PHP 100 Million.
- Small and medium enterprises are not yet mandated, but are *highly encouraged* to join voluntarily.

**Large enterprises are legally mandated to recover 40% of their plastic footprint by 2024, increasing to 80% by 2028.*

For the Plastic & Packaging Suppliers:

To meet these 80% targets, large buyers are auditing their vendors. According to the Philippine Plastic Roadmap (2025), **companies that cannot provide “Circular-Ready” or “Recyclable” packaging data are being removed from procurement lists** to help reduce the “Obligated Enterprises” recovery burden.

As brands and companies adopt more eco-friendly materials and packaging for compliance, **plastics and packaging suppliers are encouraged to invest in innovation and waste-recovery solutions** to meet the growing demand for regulatory-compliant materials.



How to Get Started?

Audit your Plastic Footprint

Calculate the total weight of plastic packaging you produce or use annually.

Register your EPR Program

Large enterprises must register through the DENR-EMB EPR Portal.

Choose your Path

You can comply individually (running your own recovery program) or collectively by joining a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) like the Philippine Alliance for Recycling and Materials Sustainability (PARM), or PCX Solutions.

Annual Reporting

Submit an audited report every year to prove you’ve met your recovery targets.

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