

To the members
of the Association of the Austrian Wood Industries

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Art. 5 PPWR: PFAS in packaging; requirements for wooden products

Article 5 of the PPWR (Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste) Article 5 of the PPWR sets the following limit values for PFAS in packaging and packaging components:

- 25 ppb for any PFAS as measured with targeted PFAS analysis, excluding polymeric PFAS
- 250 ppb for the sum of PFAS measured as the sum of targeted PFAS analysis, excluding polymeric PFAS
- 50 ppm for PFAS, including polymeric PFAS; if the total fluorine content exceeds 50 mg/kg, evidence of the content of PFAS or non-PFAS must be provided

PFAS are synthetically produced chemicals that are introduced into wood exclusively through deliberate treatment with PFAS-containing products, e.g. varnishes, paints or wood preservatives. These substances do not occur in untreated wood. The total fluorine content of 50 mg/kg, which is also specified, exceeds the typical value range of 5 mg/kg for fluorine in natural wood as stated in **Annex B of EN ISO 17225-1 (2021): Solid biofuels - Fuel specifications and classes - Part 1: General requirements**, which specifies a typical range of 5 mg/kg for fluorine in natural wood-like materials, with or without insignificant amounts of bark, leaves and needles.

On this basis, it can in any case be **assumed that the PFAS limit values of the PPWR are complied with**, provided that the wood is untreated or has not been contaminated by previous use.

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