

EU DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2026/... on packaging and packaging waste (PPWR)

1. Responsibility of the Manufacturer / Importer

This declaration of conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the economic operator:

Name of Economic Operator: Protected GmbH
Address: Wreedenschlag 2-4, 25488 Holm, Germany
Managing Director: Christian Rump

2. Object of the Declaration (Identification of Packaging)

This declaration covers the following specified packaging family (shipping materials / cardboard packaging):

Product Description:	Shipping boxes, corrugated cardboard boxes, postal boxes, and LP/CD mailers made of corrugated cardboard
Affected Items / Product Group:	All paper- and cardboard-based shipping materials and boxes within the product range (e.g., LP shipping boxes, CD cardboard packaging)
Material Composition:	Paper, cardboard, and corrugated cardboard (Material Codes: PAP 20 / PAP 21)
Intended Use:	Transport, outer, and shipping packaging for e-commerce and logistics distribution

3. Statement of Conformity & Harmonised Union Legislation

The object of the declaration described above is in conformity with the relevant Union harmonisation legislation:

- **Regulation (EU) 2026/... (PPWR):** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on packaging and packaging waste.
- **Directive 94/62/EC:** On packaging and packaging waste (with respect to applicable transitional provisions).
- **REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006:** Concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (restrictions on substances in articles).

4. Compliance with Specific PPWR Requirements

It is hereby certified that the supplied and utilized cardboard packaging complies with the specific requirements of the Regulation:

PPWR Criterion	Evidence & Compliance Status
Substance Restrictions (Heavy Metals)	The sum of concentration levels of lead, cadmium, mercury, and hexavalent chromium in the packaging material does not exceed the statutory limit of 100 mg/kg .
PFAS Ban	The cardboard products do not contain intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as a surface treatment or functional moisture barrier.
Design for Recycling (Recyclability)	The packaging is made from recyclable cellulose-based fibers. According to current assessment criteria, a recyclability of Class A / Class B (≥ 80%) is achieved within the established paper recycling stream.
Packaging Minimisation	The weight and volume of the packaging materials are limited to the minimum functional amount necessary to ensure the safety and protection of the contained goods.

5. Signature on Behalf of the Economic Operator

Signed for and on behalf of:

Holm, June 23, 2026
Place and date of issue

Protected GmbH / p.p. / o.b.o.

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