

Take Extended Producer Responsibility into account in renewable energy projects

Extended producer responsibility (EPR) applies to tens of thousands of Finnish companies as well as to foreign distance sellers. EPR is a legal obligation for companies. Therefore, it is important that all producers participate in sharing the costs of waste management.

EPR applies to following products:



Producer, join a producer responsibility organisation. In renewable energy projects, for example solar panels and energy storage systems fall within the scope of EPR. EPR applies to producers of electrical and electronic equipment as well as batteries. These include, among others, manufacturers, importers, and distance sellers. In addition, EPR applies to importers of packaged products and packers of products. The producer is the one that places a product subject to EPR on the Finnish market for the first time. (the Waste Act sections 46–48)

If a company, for example, imports products subject to EPR or packs products in its operations, the company must manage its EPR obligations. If a company is subject to EPR for several different product groups, EPR needs to be managed separately for each product group. More information: <https://lvv.fi/en/environment/how-to-manage-extended-producer-responsibility>.

Ensure that EPR has been fulfilled. A company that acquires products subject to EPR must, where possible, ensure that the producer of the supplied product is registered in the producer register (the Waste Act section 55). In addition, the EU Batteries Regulation (article 42(2)(a)) sets out an obligation to verify that EPR for batteries has been fulfilled. You can check the companies that have already fulfilled their EPR obligations at jatehuoltokompassi.fi. Producers not listed in the producer register may be reported to the supervising authority, for example, anonymously using the whistleblowing form at: <https://lvv.fi/en/environment/whistleblowing-on-non-compliance-with-producer-responsibility>.

More information on EPR: producerresponsibility.fi

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