# Packaging Preferred Materials & Formats Guidelines 2020

## Red
**Not to be used as customers cannot easily recycle (UK)**

- All Compostable/PLA & Biodegradable
- Oxy/Oxo degradable
- Polystyrene
- PVC
- PVdC (incl. layer within Complex Laminates)
- Plywood and MDF
- Water Soluble Plastics

## Formats & Designs
- Black Plastic*
- Composite Drums
- Expanded/Foamed/Density Modified Plastics
- Paper/board coated or laminated on both sides
- Glitter

*Brands may choose to use black plastic for screw top caps

## Amber
**When functional requirements mean green materials are not an option**

### Materials
- Non PE Flexible film incl. OPP
- Foiled paper
- New material innovations

### Formats & Designs
- Beverage/Liquid Food Cartons
- Multilayer Films/Complex Laminates
- Shrink sleeves (perforated, include messaging to remove, max ink coverage of 40%)

## Green
**Preferred for UK recycling via kerbside or store**

### Rigid Materials
- Glass (clear or of light colour)
- PET
- HDPE/LDPE
- Steel & Aluminium
- Cardboard

### Flexible Materials
- Paper
- Glassine
- PE (recyclable at front of store)

## Formats & Designs
- Cardboard with plastic: Max 15% plastic, one side of board only and be easily separated
- Mono PET lidding film on PET tray permanently attached

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*Underlined denotes red material/format added in 2020 (Production to cease by end of 2020)*

**PP is widely recyclable, however may have a packaging tax implication for food grade if recycled content cannot be included**