

Guideline of the environmental sign implementation on the packaging for the suppliers.

According to the European commission decision (97/129/EC), every single packaging material within a packaging unit is to be identified with the environmental sign / recycling symbol. Continental wants to meet with this decision, so with the next guideline would like to support the suppliers into the implementation of the environmental sign.

According to the next guideline please update the current packaging unit with the recycling symbol and use for the new packaging unit marking also.

Graphic symbol:

The recycling symbol includes the alphanumeric coding (RIC code – resin identification code) this code identify the disposal instructions in accordance with Decision 97/129/EC!

- The number of the coding must be place in the central of the triangle.
- The letter sign of the code must be place under of the triangle.



Example for the symbol in case of material plastic (PE -HD) and paper (PAP).

Other requirements:

- The marking must be affixed to the outside of the package in a place and size clearly visible to the naked eye.
- All methods which are available for the marking is applicable. Printing, labelling, stamping, needling, or prickling, thermoforming, injection molding.
- Except! In case of aftermarket / aftersales packaging, the prickling or needling is not allowed.
- In case of label method, the raw material of the label must be the same like the material of the packaging unit.
- In case of stamp method, use water based ink.
- The environmental sign must be mark on the drawing of the packaging unit.
- The part number change of the packaging unit is not necessary because of this added marking.
- The marking method must be defined and included in the quotation.