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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**The Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015**

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**THE PACKAGING (ESSENTIAL  
REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS 2015**

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — (Annex II of the Directive)

##### ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS ON THE COMPOSITION AND THE REUSABLE AND RECOVERABLE, INCLUDING RECYCLABLE, NATURE OF PACKAGING

1. Requirements specific to the manufacturing and composition of packaging
2. Requirements specific to reusable packaging
3. Requirements specific to the recoverable nature of packaging

#### SCHEDULE 2 — Requirements for Exemption for Plastic Crates and Pallets from Heavy Metal Concentration Levels Specified in Regulation 5(1)

1. (1) The plastic crate or plastic pallet must be, or...
2. (1) The plastic crate or plastic pallet must be introduced...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Requirements for Exemption for Glass Packaging from Heavy Metal Concentration Levels Specified in Regulation 5(1)

1. (1) No regulated metals must be intentionally introduced during the...
2. (1) The manufacturer or the manufacturer's authorised representative, or, where...

#### SCHEDULE 4 — Enforcement

1. (1) For the purposes of providing for the enforcement of...
2. Nothing in this Schedule authorises any enforcement authority to bring...
3. An enforcement authority must, whenever the Secretary of State so...

#### SCHEDULE 5 — Illustrative Examples of Packaging Referred to in the definition of Packaging in Regulation 3(2)

#### SCHEDULE 6 —

Explanatory Note