

Joint Body of the Dual Systems:

## **Final Q1 Quantity Report 2015 Shows Further Increase in Licensed Quantities / Many Dual Licence Contracts Apparently Not Yet Concluded**

The total volumes of licensed materials in the lightweight packaging and paper and cardboard material fractions declared by the dual system operators in the final Q1 Quantity Report 2015 are slightly above the figures stated in the indicative Q1 Report 2015. / However, many customers have still not yet concluded contracts for 2015.

**Cologne, February 2, 2015.** The results of the final Q1 Quantity Report 2015, which were notified to the system operators by an independent accounting firm, have confirmed the upward trend for dual licensed volumes shown in the so-called indicative Q1 Quantity Report. The results of the indicative Q1 Quantity Report 2015 prepared in December of last year had already indicated a substantial volume increase, thus showing that the downward trend of total licensed quantities in recent years has been stopped. The final Q1 Report 2015 now shows a further substantial increase in the lightweight packaging and paper and cardboard material fractions, and a slight volume increase in the glass fraction compared to the indicative Q1 Report 2015.

This development suggests that the measures taken by policymakers in the form of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regulation amending the Packaging Ordinance (*VerpackV*) are already taking effect.

But even though this trend is basically to be seen as good news, it still appears, according to the unanimous views of the system operators, that

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there are many manufacturers and distributors who have not yet concluded their dual license contracts for 2015.

Within this context, Dr. Mirko Sickinger, Managing Director of the Joint Office (*Gemeinsame Stelle*), again points out that the respective manufacturers and distributors have been obligated to conclude their license agreements with the Dual System before January 1, 2015, because otherwise, their products packaged in sales packaging would not be allowed to be sold to consumers. Sickinger therefore makes an urgent appeal to all those who are obligated to conclude contracts pursuant to the Packaging Ordinance that they should do so now as quickly as possible. With this step, manufacturers and distributors will not only be able to meet their legal obligations, they will also be sending a key signal to strengthen the privately organised dual disposal of packaging waste, after policymakers have already made their contribution to this end.

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