



## EFIBCA-Q Quality Pledge

EFIBCA-Q is an initiative of EFIBCA that aims to raise awareness amongst users of FIBCs about quality and safety standards relevant for different types of FIBCs. Users of FIBCs are encouraged to engage with their FIBC supplier on the EFIBCA-Q Quality Criteria listed in the annex of this pledge and to include these criteria in their supplier audits. The EFIBCA-Q Quality Criteria and subscribing companies are listed on [www.efibca.com](http://www.efibca.com).

By signing this pledge, our company expresses its support to the voluntary EFIBCA-Q initiative and commits to comply with the latest version including amendments of all specifications listed in the Quality Criteria that are applicable to the type of FIBCs produced or distributed by our company. Our commitment also involves informing our clients and other business partners of the EFIBCA-Q Quality Criteria and providing more detailed information and evidence of compliance on request.

Our company produces or distributes the following types of bags (*please tick*):

- Standard FIBCs
- Food contact FIBCs
- FIBCs for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UN Requirements)
- Static Protective FIBCs
- Hygiene FIBCs

Company name:

Date:

Signature and company stamp:

# EFIBCA-Q Quality Criteria

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## 1. Basic Requirements

Specifications	Evidence
<p>European Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste and related harmonised CEN standards (EN 13427 to 13432) specifying the “essential requirements” for packaging</p> <p><i>Note: Despite the development of new of ISO standards (ISO 18602 – 18606), the CEN standards EN 13427 - 13432 still remain valid in the European Union and are referred to by national law in some European member states.</i></p>	<p>Company declaration of conformity with EC Directive 94/62/EC and test report of accredited laboratory concerning heavy metals and hazardous substances to the environment according to EN 13428</p>
<p>Product liability insurance</p>	<p>Policy</p>
<p>Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)</p>	<p>Company declaration of compliance and Supporting Documents</p>

## 2. Additional Basic Requirements for All Non-Dangerous Goods and Non-Food FIBC

Specifications	Evidence
<p>ISO 21898:2024 Packaging – Flexible intermediate bulk containers (FIBCs) for non-dangerous goods</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (normative) UV resistance test (according to Annex A), comprising of tests of breaking force and elongation at break in accordance with ISO 13934-1</li> <li>- (informative) UV resistance test (according to Annex F), different light sources can be used with agreement of the stakeholders in case the apparatus specified is not available or not appropriate to carry out the test. The apparatus shall be in accordance with ISO 4892-4 or ISO 4892-2.</li> </ul>	<p>Method A.3.2.1 for FIBC for general use, Test report for each formulation. A new test report is required each time the formulation is changed.</p> <p>Method A.3.2.2 for FIBC for long term outside storage, Test report for each formulation. A new test report is required each time the formulation is changed.</p> <p>(Optional) Method F.2.1 or F.2.2 for FIBC for general use, Test report for each formulation. A new test report is required each time the formulation is changed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cyclic top lift test (safety factor test) (according to Annex B)</li> </ul>	<p>Test report</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compression/Stacking Test (according to Annex C)</li> </ul>	<p>Test report + pictogram included in the label showing number of the FIBC to be stacked on the bottom FIBC.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marking; chapter 7 specifies the minimum requirements; information shall provide complete traceability in case of recall etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Label, a reference number, charge number, production date or equivalent can be applied for traceability.</p>
<p>Existence of an internal quality assurance programme according to ISO 9001:2015 (Quality management systems).</p>	<p>Certificate</p>

### 3. Requirements for FIBCs for the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UN Requirements)

Specifications	Evidence
<p>European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR)</p> <p>International Rule for Transport of Dangerous Substances by Railway (RID)</p> <p>International Maritime Code for Dangerous Goods (IMDG)</p>	<p>UN approval by national competent authority.</p> <p>Third party audit report regarding quality assurance programme according to paragraph 6.5.4.1 of the Orange Book or 6.5.4.1 of ADR/RID or 6.5.4.1 of IMDG</p> <p><i>Note: Minimum requirements are described in ISO 16106:2020.</i></p>

### 4. Requirements for Static Protective FIBC

Specifications	Evidence
IEC 61340-4-4:2018 (Ed. 3.0): Electrostatics Part 4-4: Standard test methods for specific applications - Electrostatic classification of flexible intermediate bulk containers (FIBC).	Certification test report for type B, C and D
- Type B (by measuring breakdown voltage)	Test reports from the fabric or FIBC manufacturer
- Quality control test of Type C bags (by measuring breakdown voltage and conductivity test)	Test report of certified lab or test reports from the FIBC manufacturer (for each manufactured bag, 100% conductivity testing as final control)
- Test methods for Type D bags according to annex C of IEC 61340-4-4 edition 3.0	Test report of certified lab or from the FIBC manufacturer

### 5. Requirements for Food Contact FIBC

Specifications	Evidence
<p>Framework Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended for all food contact materials</p> <p>Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006 on good manufacturing practice for materials and articles intended for food contact</p> <p>Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 and amendments: Regulation on plastic materials and articles intended for food contact</p> <p>ISO 22000: 2018; as minimum requirement</p> <p>See also Section 6 below on Hygiene FIBC if relevant.</p>	<p>Declaration of compliance according to Article 15 and Annex IV of Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 and list of supporting documents.</p> <p><i>Note: The supporting documents form part of the internal documentation and may be checked by national competent authorities. They do not have to be attached to the declaration of compliance. The supporting documents may comprise of the following (examples):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information about up-stream processing stages/pre-suppliers ("certificate of suitability")</li> <li>• Formula/process data/GMP documentation</li> <li>• Test results/including third party test results</li> <li>• Calculations/Modelling</li> <li>• Certificates from third parties</li> <li>• Analysis reports from third parties</li> <li>• Risk assessments</li> <li>• Worst case scenarios</li> </ul> <p>ISO 22000-Certificate</p>

## 6. Requirements for Hygiene FIBC

<b>Specifications</b>	<b>Evidence</b>
Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognised certificate: BRCGS Version 7: 2025, Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials FSSC 22000 Version 6.0, 2023; Food Safety System Certification OPTIONAL (for companies with clean room facilities): ISO 14644-1:2015	Certificate