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Abbreviations & Definitions

ARL	Australasian Recycling Label	PE	Polyethylene
BSM	Buy Sell Move Software	PEFC	Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification
BOPP	Bi-axially Oriented Polypropylene	PET	Polyethylene Terephthalate
EPS	Expanded Polystyrene	PHA	Polyhydroxy Alkenoates
FSC	Forest Stewardship Council	PLA	Polylactic Acid
GS	Global Sourcing	PO	Purchase Order
GW	Gross Weight	PP	Polypropylene
HDPE	High Density Polyethylene	Primary packaging	This is the packaging that directly holds and protects the product. It's what the consumer takes home and interacts with.
Inner Cartons	A smaller box that holds the product or multiple units of the product. It provides extra protection and helps organize items inside a larger box.	PS	Polystyrene
LDPE	Low Density Polyethylene	PVC	Poly Vinyl Chloride
MDF	Medium Density Fibreboard	Secondary Packaging	This is the packaging that groups multiple primary packages together, mainly for display or transport.
MHE	Material Handling equipment	SKU	Stock Keeping Unit
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety	SPM	Sourcing Product Manager
Outer Cartons	A larger shipping box that contains one or more inner cartons. It's used for transporting, storing, and handling products in bulk.	Tertiary Packaging	This is the outer packaging used for bulk handling, storage, or shipping (e.g., a pallet wrapped in plastic).
PBAT	Polybutylene Adipate Terephthalate	VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

1.0 Purpose of These Guidelines

These guidelines help suppliers design packaging that complies with Australian and New Zealand consumer laws, meets Bunnings' standards, and is applicable to all items sold at Bunnings. The packaging should protect product integrity, reduce environmental impact, be easy to merchandise, safe to handle, and cost-effective. This document is reviewed and changed regularly.

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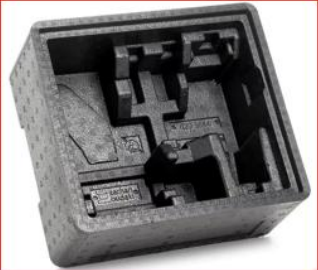
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3.0 Expanded Plastics Regulation

Bunnings does not accept rigid moulded expanded plastics used for packaging, which includes expanded polystyrene (EPS), expanded polyethylene (EPE), expanded polypropylene (EPP), Ethylene Vinyl Acetate (EVA). Bunnings has taken an Australia-New Zealand wide approach towards the phase out based on the [WA Plastics Ban](#) (see **table 1**) which include some exemptions (see **figure 1**) which came into force on 1 July 2025 for products manufactured after 1 March 2025. Suppliers are responsible for ensuring that all products and packaging comply with the legal requirements and exemption criteria outlined.

If you have product to be ranged which qualifies for exemption, please register the relevant details & documentation with our team: SustainablePackaging@bunnings.com.au

Table 1 – Bunnings ANZ Expanded Plastics Packaging Requirements and Scope of the WA Ban

In-scope of ban: Moulded or shaped expanded plastics 	Out of scope of ban 
<p>EPS (Expanded polystyrene)</p> 	<p>Flexible expanded plastic wraps</p> 
<p>EPE (Expanded Polyethylene)</p> 	<p>Secondary, Tertiary & B2B packaging</p>
<p>EPP (Expanded Polypropylene)</p> 	<p>Packaging retained by a business after installation of consumer goods by a licensed installer</p>

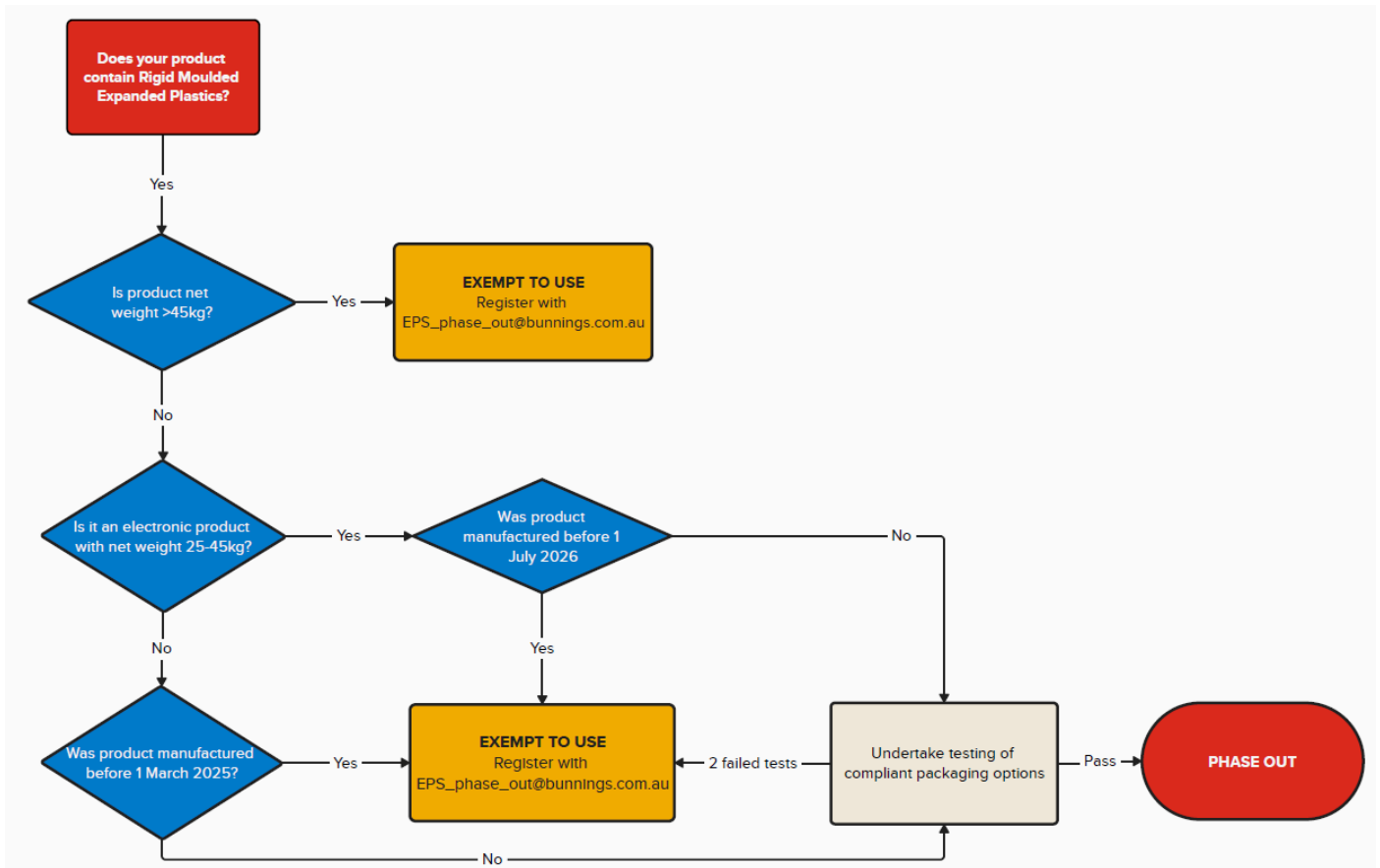


Figure 1. Flow Chart Illustrating Mechanism of the WA Ban

4.0 Australasian Recycling Label – ARL

Bunnings is signatory to Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) and adopts the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL) for Bunnings private label products and strongly encourages all suppliers to follow the ARL as the standard recycling label for disposal of packaging waste in Australia and New Zealand.

For more information, please refer to [APCO](https://www.apco.org.au) or contact GlobalSourcing@bunnings.com.au



Figure 2. The Australasian Recycling Label

5.0 Materials

Table 2 below provides clear guidance on the packaging materials preferred by Bunnings. Further information is also available in the [Bunnings Sustainable Packaging Guidelines](#).

Table 2 – Packaging Material Selection Guide

Green – Preferred	Amber – Discretion required	Red – Avoid Using
Materials are widely collected and recycled in Australia & New Zealand	Only when green materials are not an option	Materials are regulated or not widely collected and recycled in Australia & New Zealand
<p>Fibre (95% by weight) Corrugated cardboard, carton board, paper, moulded fibre</p> <p>Rigid Plastics PET (1), HDPE (2), LDPE (4), PP (5)</p> <p>Metals, Steel, Aluminium</p> <p>Glass</p> <p>Soft Plastics - Primary Material Mono-material film grades or a min of 90% by weight of Polyethylene (PE – LDPE/HDPE) or Polypropylene (PP – BOPP/ CPP) Other materials must be included at compatible limits</p>	<p>Textiles Cotton, wool</p> <p>Expanded Plastics Expanded plastics (EPS, EPP and EPE) for products greater than 45kg, or for fragile/ precision products (<i>exemption required</i>)</p> <p>Soft Plastics - Primary Materials Flexible Expanded Polyethylene (EPE) PE or PP with min 80% -90% mono-material, or 80% mix of PE and PP by weight</p> <p>Soft Plastics – Secondary Materials When the combined percentage is less than 20% and their individual percent as part of the pack is between 5-10% for Nylon, EVOH, PVOH, AlOx, SiOx and Acrylic.</p> <p>Compostable primary packaging and only where all components are certified to either AS 4736:2006 or AS 5810:2010 and labelled according to ISO 14021:2016. (<i>approval required</i>)</p>	<p>Rigid Plastics PVC (3) , PS (6), Nylon, Composite ‘other’ plastics (7), Plastics coloured with carbon black</p> <p>Expanded plastics (Products less than 45kg, non-fragile or non-precision) Expanded Polystyrene (EPS), Expanded Polypropylene (EPP), Expanded Polyethylene (EPE), Ethylene-Vinyl Acetate (EVA)</p> <p>Soft Plastics - Primary Materials PE, PP or Polyolefins less than 80% of the total weight PVC, PVDC, PS, Bioplastics, compostable materials, PA, Nylon, PET, Oxodegradable and other fragmentable plastics are not accepted at any level</p> <p>Soft Plastics - Secondary Material The following secondary materials are not acceptable at any level, PET, PVC, PVDC, PS, non-polyolefin bioplastics, fragmentable or compostable materials, paper and aluminium Nylon, EVOH, AlOx, SiOx and Acrylic, are not acceptable if their combined percentage is greater than 20% or if their individual</p>

<p>Soft Plastics – Secondary Materials</p> <p>Less than 5% of the following: Nylon, EVOH, PVOH, AlO_x, SiO_x, Acrylic, metallised polymer layers, or metallisation</p> <p>Timber, Stick timber</p> <p>Textiles, Jute</p> <p>Cardboard / paper either uncoated, clay coated, or PE, PP or PET coated (less than 5% by weight) on one side only</p> <p>Labels covering less than 40% of the exposed surface area.</p> <p>Label substrate to match packaging base material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polyolefin (PE or PP) label on rigid HDPE • PP label on rigid PP/OPP • PET label on rigid PET • Paper label on cardboard / paper <p>Light coloured, water & plant-based inks</p>	<p>Soft plastics comprising 80% of the primary material and upto 10% each of secondary polymers (all from the green category)</p> <p>Paper / cardboard coated between 5-15% PE or PP by weight</p>	<p>percentage as part of the pack is greater than 10%</p> <p>Textiles, Polyester</p> <p>Rubber</p> <p>Composite Materials, Chipboard, plywood, MDF</p> <p>Paper or cardboard coated with PP, laminated with plastic, waxed / greased or lined with foil.</p> <p>Dark tinted plastics and glass</p> <p>Dark coloured inks, UV cured inks, inks containing VOC's, metallic inks</p>
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6.0 Shipping Marks on Cartons

Both inner and outer cartons need shipping marks unless they are primary packaging. The only exception to this rule is when the primary packaging carton is the outermost carton - in this case, shipping marks are required and all the shipping mark guidelines in this section apply. Some examples include PDQs (Product Displayed Quickly, or retail-ready displays that come fully assembled), primary packaging for large items (e.g., barbecues and firepits), or SRP (Shelf Ready Packaging).

The shipping marks can be printed into the artwork or applied with a print-and-apply label. If a print-and-apply label is used, it must meet the following criteria:









- Minimum size: 15 cm x 15 cm
- Placement: affixed 2.5 cm from the edge of the carton.
- All standard labelling requirements outlined below still apply.

For perforated boxes, place the shipping marks above the perforation—on the part that will be removed—not on the section that will stay on the shelf.

6.1 Shipping Mark Standards

Table 3 – Shipping Mark Standards

Shipping Mark	Inner Cartons	Outer Cartons	Slip Sheets/Pallets
Number of carton sides with shipping marks	Ideally on four (4) sides (as space allows). For Shelf Ready Packaging (SRP), at a minimum, use two (2) adjacent vertical sides.	Ideally on four (4) sides of carton (as space allows). For Shelf Ready Packaging (SRP), at a minimum, use two (2) adjacent vertical sides.	Shipping mark details to appear on slip sheet/pallet label and MUST be on forklift entry sides
Font Dimensions	Refer to table 4 below for font size/dimensions		
Item No.	7-digit identification number, supplied by Bunnings, surrounded by rectangle in top right corner e.g., 5140299	7-digit identification number, supplied by Bunnings, surrounded by rectangle in top right corner e.g., 5140299	7-digit identification number, supplied by Bunnings, surrounded by rectangle e.g., 5140299
Contents	Description of contents in inner carton	Description of contents in outer carton	Description of contents on slip sheet or pallet
Department	Department Name e.g., Pets	Department Name e.g., Pets	Department Name e.g., Pets
Order Number	Bunnings 6-digit purchase order number (from supplied PO file), e.g., 566865	Bunnings 6-digit purchase order number (from supplied PO file), e.g., 566865	Bunnings 6-digit purchase order number (from supplied PO file), e.g., 566865
Carton Qty*	Number of units inside the inner carton e.g., 5 units	Number of units inside the carton e.g., 20 units (4 inner cartons of 5 units)	Number of cartons & units on the slip sheet/pallet e.g., 1000 units (10 cartons of 5 inners of 20 units) Refer below for multi-part cartons

Shipping Mark	Inner Cartons	Outer Cartons	Slip Sheets/Pallets
Date	Shipment date written as MM/YY e.g., 05/25	Shipment date written as MM/YY e.g., 05/25	Shipment date written as MM/YY e.g., 05/25
Gross Weight	GW of Carton e.g., GW 11kg	GW of Carton e.g., GW 15 kg	Total weight of palletised or slip sheeted stock e.g., GW 255 kg
Specific Handling Requirements**	Suitable words or symbols placed in bottom left-hand corner, e.g., THIS WAY UP,  , HANDLE WITH CARE  , FRAGILE  etc.	Bottom left-hand corner e.g., THIS WAY UP  , HANDLE WITH CARE  , FRAGILE  etc.	To appear on slip sheet/pallet label e.g., DO NOT CLAMP  , STACKING LIMIT  etc.
Weight Icon	Required if GW > 10 kg Location: Bottom right corner of carton above barcode	Required if GW > 10 kg Location: Bottom right corner of carton above barcode	n/a
Barcode	ITF-14 (TUN) Location: Bottom right-hand corner and conforms to GS1 standards	ITF-14 (TUN) Location: Bottom right-hand corner and conforms to GS1 standards	n/a
Country of Origin	Underneath barcode e.g., "Made in China"	Underneath barcode e.g., "Made in China"	n/a
Multi-part Cartons	n/a	Required if item has multiple cartons to build product e.g., Box 1 of 3, Box 2 of 3, Box 3 of 3.	Indicates the number of each carton on the pallet e.g., 1000 x box 1 1000 x box 2
Where relevant, reuse/recyclable logos should be used on inner and outer cartons not on primary packaging.			

*For this section use the term "units". Any other words such as "pieces" or "items" should not be used

**Supplier to provide specific handling requirements

Table 4 – Shipping Marks Font Size and Dimensions

Inner Carton / Outer Carton		Slip Sheets / Pallets
Carton Size/Type	Minimum Font size/height	Minimum font size 35 (12.4 mm height) on slip sheet or pallet label
All sides < 300 mm length	17 (6 mm height, shorter sides of carton may require reduced font size)	
1 side > 300 mm length	35 (12.4 mm height)	
Any side > 500 mm length	45 (15.9 mm height)	
For film wrapped product e.g. timber	n/a	Between 200 and 300 (minimum 140 mm height)

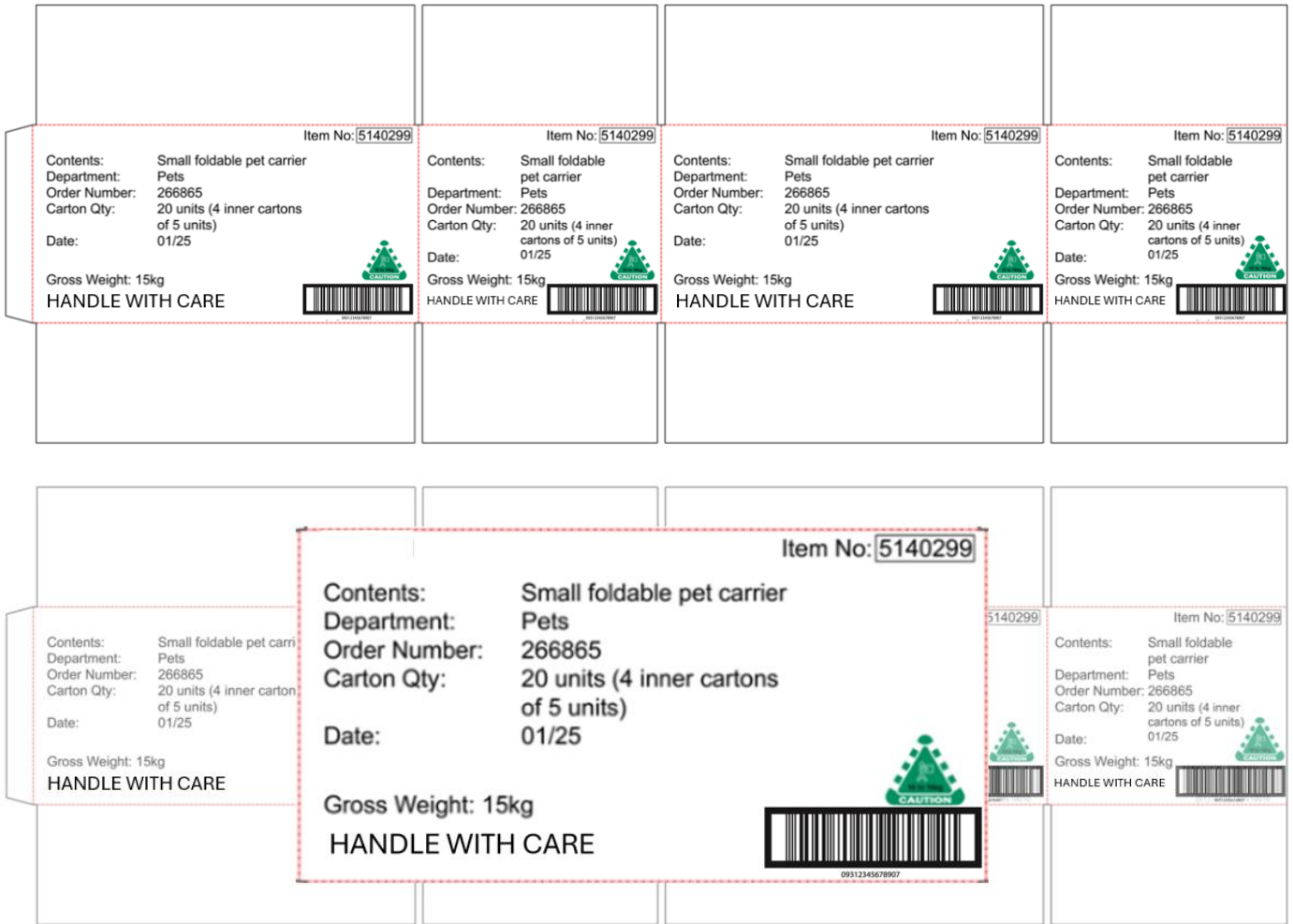


Figure 3 - Example Of Shipping Marks and Symbols for Outer Carton

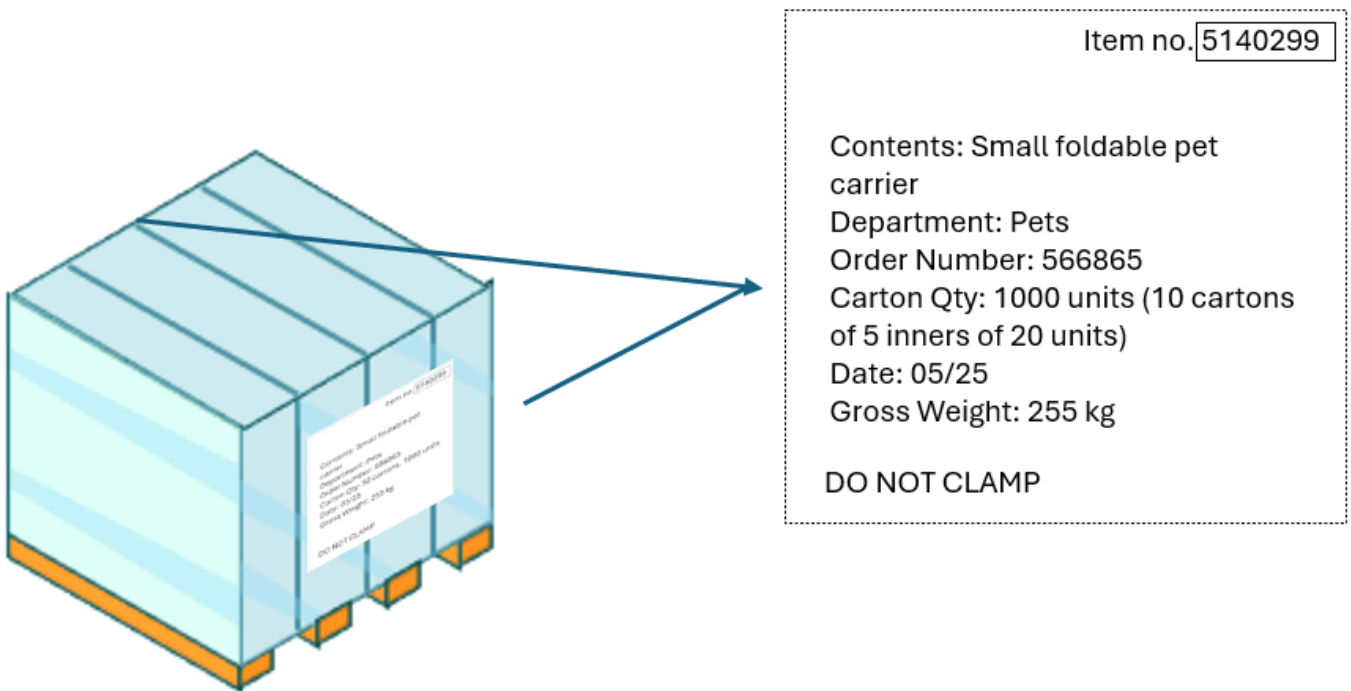


Figure 4 – Example Of Shipping Marks and Symbols for Slip Sheets/Pallet

7.0 Multipart Icon Standards

The multipart icon must be printed on all packaging/labels for products with more than one (1) part. This icon will apply to primary packaging e.g. carton or label.

Multipart icons must:

- Be applied to all Bunnings Private Label Brand products at a minimum, where required.
- Be clearly visible on packaging following placement rules (See [Appendix 14.1.1](#)).
- Be incorporated into the packaging design (either via label or printed directly on packaging).
- Be printed in the CYMK colours specified under each icon or, due to printing restrictions, following the secondary or mono option please see [table 10 in the Appendix](#).



Figure 5 – Example of Multipart Icon for Barbecue.

8.0 Barcode Standards for Packaging

To ensure barcode integrity and scanning accuracy across the supply chain, all product packaging must meet the following barcode standards:

8.1 Barcode placement:

- Barcodes must be printed directly onto the primary packaging or product wherever possible.
- If barcode labels are used, they must be securely affixed using tamper-resistant adhesive and must not be easily removable.



Figure 6. Example of Barcode Printed on the Packaging Artwork



Figure 7. Example of Barcode Printed on Product



Figure 8. Example of Perforated Security Label

8.2 Barcode Format Requirements:

- All barcodes must comply with GS1 specifications.
- For retail items: EAN-13 is the preferred format. EAN-8 may be used only for small packages with limited space.
- For secondary packaging and shipping marks:
 - ITF-14 (TUN) is the preferred format.



Figure 9. Example of EAN-13



Figure 10. Example of ITF-14

8.3 Barcode Testing:

- All product barcodes must be tested for scannability prior to shipment.
- To arrange barcode testing in Australia, contact GS1 Australia via their website: [High Quality GS1 Barcodes & Solutions | GS1 Australia](#)

9.0 Retail-Ready Packaging Standards

Retail-ready packaging is designed to support Bunnings' "one-touch" supply chain model by enabling direct shelf placement, reducing handling, and improving product availability.

All retail-ready packaging must meet the following requirements be:

- Easy to open without tools, may include perforations or removable hoods.
- Clearly visible and accessible to customers once opened.
- Made from sturdy, purpose-built materials to withstand shipping and handling.
- Recyclable and easy to compact. Refer to [Bunnings Sustainable Packaging Guidelines](#) for approved materials.

Table 5 – Retail-ready packaging formats

	Shelf Ready Packaging (SRP)	Side stacks and Free Standing Displays	Product Display Quickly (PDQ) and Pallet Display
	<p>Typically executed on shelf.</p> <p>Designed to go on a shelf and must be designed to streamline in store replenishment.</p>	<p>Must arrive pre-loaded and ready for immediate placement in-store, minimizing handling and setup time.</p> <p>Ideal carton dimensions: L 450 mm x W 450 mm.</p> <p>Ideal display height: 1.2 m.</p>	<p>Mixed-SKU PDQs must have clearly printed shipping marks that differentiate each item.</p> <p>All items within the PDQ must be easily identifiable without unpacking.</p> <p>Labelling must be visible and legible from a distance to assist store teams during placement.</p>
	Shelf	In Aisle	Off-Location Pallet
Shelf Ready Packaging (SRP)			
Side stacks and Free-Standing Displays	n/a		
Product Display Quickly (PDQ) and Pallet Display	n/a		

10.0 Weight Icon Standards

Weight icons must:

- Be clearly visible on packaging.
- Be incorporated into the packaging design and printed on the artwork.
- Be printed in the pantone colours specified under each icon in **table 7** below OR for packaging designs using only 1–2 colours, the icon may be printed in a single colour on the outer packaging.

The gross weight must be printed on all packaging.

All items that are 10 kg and over must be labelled with weight icons to protect the safety of Bunnings team members and customers.

Heavy weight products (40 kg+) should be split into multiple cartons, if possible, to reduce the individual carton weight below 40 kg.

Products above 60 kg must be fitted with an individual skid with sufficient clearance for manual handling equipment (See figure 11 and 12).



Figure 11. Example of 60 kg+ item sitting in traditional timber skid.



Figure 12. Example of 60 kg+ item built in cardboard skid with sufficient clearance for manual handling equipment.

10.1 Size of Icons

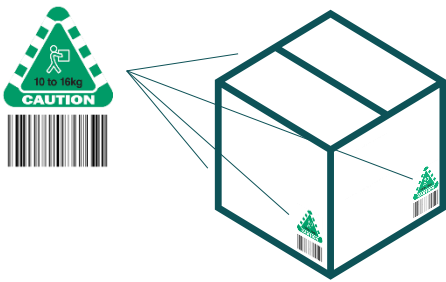
The size of the icons depends on the size of the packaging and must be applied as outlined below.

Table 6 – Size of Icons

Packaging Type	Label Size (mm)
Boxed or bagged packaging with ALL sides being <u>less</u> than 300 mm.	50 x 45
Boxed or bagged packaging where at least one side is <u>greater</u> than 300 mm.	80 x 70
Boxed or bagged packaging where any side is <u>greater</u> than 500 mm.	110 x 95

10.2 Weight Icon Placement:

On boxed carton products, the weight marking icon and barcode should be on four selling faces of the packaging and located to the lower right-hand side corner with the barcode under the weight icon.

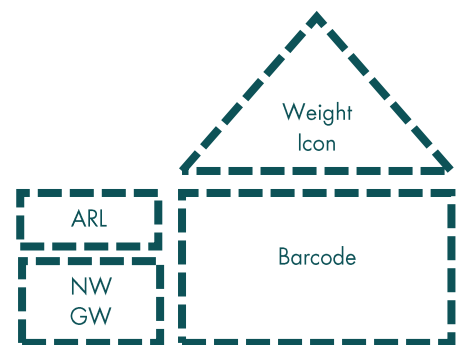


10.3 Weight Icon Layout

10.3.1 Boxed Products

The layout of the weight icon should be as shown:

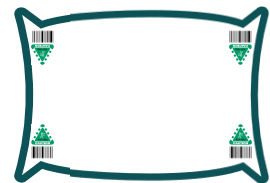
- Weight icon in colour relevant to the weight of the product.
- The Australasian Recycling Label (ARL) if applicable.
- Barcode below weight icon.
- Net weight (NW) and gross weight (GW) of the actual product.



10.3.2 Heavy Bagged Products

To ensure that the weight icon is easily viewable:

- Place icons on both selling faces of the packaging in the corners.
- Barcodes should be on all corners of the packaging next to or under the weight icon marking.
- Ideally an elongated barcode which wraps the product length ways should be used so it doesn't have to be lifted at point of sale.



10.3.3 Heavy Products in Circular/Cylindrical Packaging

- An icon sticker should be placed on the top of the circular product to allow customers to see the approximate weight of the product before choosing to lift.
- An elongated barcode should ideally be placed on both sides of the product to eliminate the need for manual handling.



10.4 Weight Icon Program





Weight Icons play a key role in Bunnings' commitment to the safety of team members, customers, suppliers, and contractors.

The aims of the Weight Warning Icons are to:

- Reduce and minimise "Weight Related" workplace injuries.
- Raise the awareness of the potential of injury if the product is picked up incorrectly.
- Maintain a high safety standard in the workplace.

It's extremely important that the weight icons are clearly visible on the packaging to realise the aims of the program. Please ensure that you are familiar with and adhere to the icon advice below for yours and everyone's safety.

Table 7 – Bunnings Weight Icons Definitions and Specifications

Bunnings Weight Icons Definitions and Specifications				
Icon Image				
Weight	10 – 16 kg	16.1 – 40 kg	40.1 – 60 kg	60.1 kg
Meaning/ Instruction	Assess the product and consider individual capability prior to handling	Handle with a two person lift and transport with Material Handling Equipment (MHE) (when product size/shape is practical)	Must be handled with two or more people and transported with appropriate MHE	Very heavy product that requires MHE only to lift and transport
Mandatory Colours	Pantone Green 347	Pantone Yellow 116	Pantone Orange 165	Process black
Apply to	Single boxed, bagged, multi-packed products with bulky packaging weighing between 10-16 kg	Single boxed, bagged and multi-packed products weighing between 16.1-40 kg	All products weighing between 40.1 kg - 60kg	All products weighing more than 60.1 kg

11.0 Hand-Hole Requirements

Hand-holes should be used when the item is bulky or awkward to grab. Hand-holes are recommended for products over 25kg+, reach out to SustainablePackaging@bunnings.com.au if you have questions. Where product is intended for a 2 person lift it may require handholds at both ends.

Hand-holes should:

- Have an opening big enough for a full hand i.e. $\geq 110 \text{ mm} \times 45\text{--}55 \text{ mm}$.
- Be smooth with rounded edges.
- Be placed on both sides of the carton.
- Must stay intact when lifting and plastic inserts for reinforced may be used (see figure 14).
- Allow a neutral wrist position, no bending or twisting.
- Comfortable for gloved hands.



Figure 13. Example of hand-holes



Figure 14. Example of hand-hole with plastic insert

Avoid hand-holes if contents spill, leak, or are compromised by openings.

For full guide see [Appendix 14.2](#).

12.0 Pallets

Suppliers are ultimately responsible for ensuring acceptable pallets are used when shipping products to Bunnings. This includes meeting all quarantine requirements and adhering to minimum standards for size and construction.

The two pallet options accepted by Bunnings are:

- Cardboard pallet
- Wooden pallet

All pallets must comply with Australian biosecurity regulations.

Plastic pallets are no longer acceptable unless exception granted to use.

If you are unsure of which pallet type to use, please consult with Global Sourcing.

12.1 Cardboard Pallet Standards

- Pallets must be made from 100% cardboard.
- Pallet dimensions and minimum clearances should be aligned to wooden pallet critical dimensions.



Figure 15 - Example of a cardboard pallet

12.2 Wooden Pallets

- Pallets must be made of solid timber.
- Pallets (or skids) made from MDF, plywood or chipboard are not to be used unless approved, as these pallet types are not recyclable and have high disposal costs.
- Timber pallets sourced from an FSC® or PEFC certified supply of timber is preferred.
- Timber pallets must be treated, preferably with heat, and marked with ISPM 15 compliant stamps.
- All timber pallets should be completely dry to reduce OH&S risks and fungal growth.
- Pallets should be intact with no protruding nails.



Figure 16 - Example of a wooden pallet made of solid timber

12.3 Pallet Guidelines

General standards for cardboard and wooden pallets are as follows:

- All pallets must be fit for purpose and durable to transport the products throughout the journey from port to store.
- The load capacity of the pallet should be at least 2 tonnes, or 3 times the gross weight of the pallet's load, whichever is greater.
- The pallet must allow for the use of mechanical and manual handling equipment i.e., forklifts and pallet jacks.
- Palletised stock should target a maximum height of 1.8 m, and payload of up to 800 kg (please consult Global Sourcing if otherwise).
- Any deviation from the standards will need prior approval by Global Sourcing.
- Local suppliers and FIW (Free in Warehouse) must deliver their products on Loscam pallets.
- When corner posts are required, one should be used on each vertical corner of the load and stretch-wrap should be used to secure corner posts onto the palletised stock rather than adhesive tape.



Figure 17 – Example of correct use of corner posts

For overseas suppliers the preferred pallet dimension is 1150 mm (W) x 1150-1160 mm (L) x 150 mm (H) which allows optimum containerisation and can be directly transferred onto the Australian standard pallet.

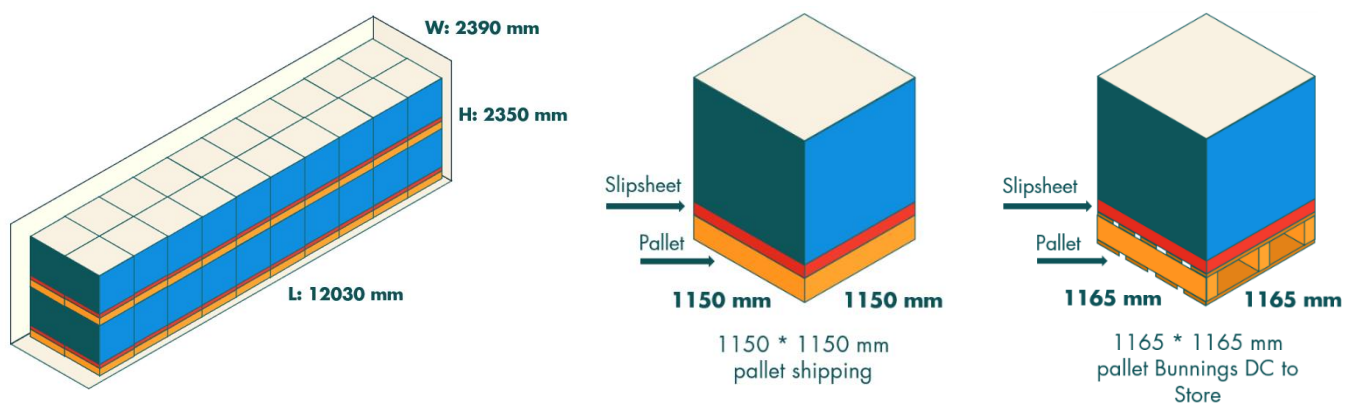


Figure 18 – 1150x1150mm Slipsheets or pallets can be used in shipping to allow maximum container loading.

Stock that extends beyond the standard pallet or slip sheet dimensions should be stacked with the overhang positioned side-to-side.

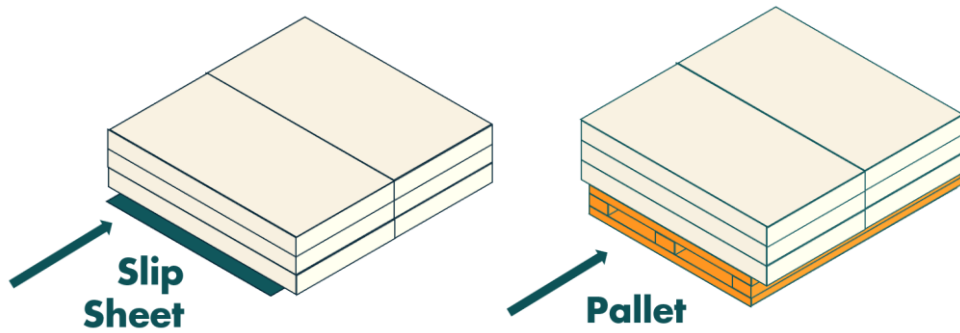


Figure 19 – Example of correct overhang position.

12.4 Key Pallet Dimensions

Although the length and width of the pallet may be adjusted as set out above, in all instances the height of the pallet must adhere to below stated clearances to ensure forklift tyres and pallet jacks can access the pallet. Please refer to the diagram below showing critical pallet dimensions.

Critical pallet dimensions with clearance measurements to allow forklift tyres and pallet jack access:

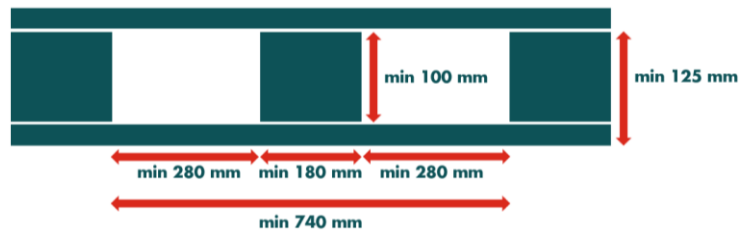
For Widely Used Pallet Jacks

Pallet jack width: 680 mm

Cardboard Pallet



Wooden Pallet



For Specialised Narrow Pallet Jacks

Pallet jack width: 540 mm

Requires approval from Global Sourcing.

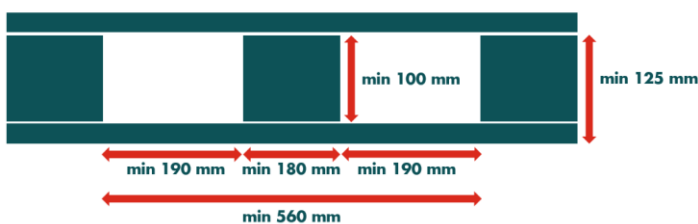




Figure 20. Height of the pallet should have clearances to allow for forklift and pallet jack tynes access.

13.0 Stretch Wrap & Strapping Standards

All slip sheeted and palletised products must be stretch-wrapped and/or strapped to ensure adequate load containment during the shipping and handling process.

Stretch Wrap Specifications

- Stretch wrap must cover all four corners of the pallet or slip sheet.
- Two full wraps are required at the top and bottom of the pallet or slip sheet to ensure that the stock is secure.
- All stretch wraps must be LDPE film, free of print and other materials including labels, aside from required identification.
- Coloured or film with print is to be used only with prior approval of Global sourcing.

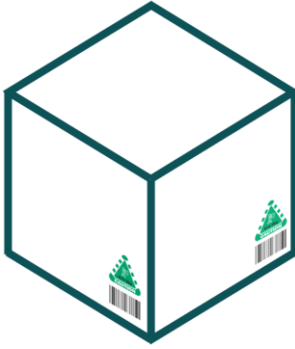
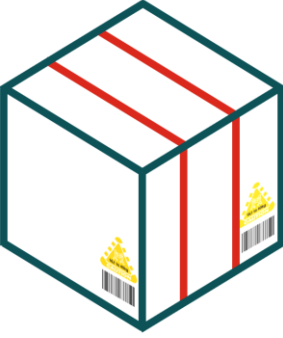

Strapping Specifications

- PP is the preferred material unless PET is required for heavy duty needs.
- Metal strapping is not accepted and there may be charges associated with non-compliance.
- A minimum of two straps must be used to secure product to the pallet. At least three bands are required if product is 1.3m long or longer.
- Corner protectors may be used where needed.
- Strapping should be tight to stop palletised stock from sliding and becoming unstable.

Carton Strapping specifications

- Strapping is to be applied only to heavy weight Primary cartons as per below guidance.
- Exceptions may be granted based on other product related attributes.

Table 8 – Carton Strapping Guide

Carton Strapping guide	< 16kg	16kg - 40kg	> 40kg
Case Qty = 1: Primary carton	No straps* 	2 straps 	4 straps (2 each side) 
Case Qty > 1: Secondary carton	Secondary cartons (shippers & inners) are NOT to have straps applied unless approved by Global sourcing.		

*Exceptions allowed if prescribed by Style Guide, loss prevention risk or if carton is unitised on pallet

14.0 Appendix

14.1 Multipart and This Way Up Icon

14.1.1 Placement

The multipart icon must be placed on all selling faces. The icon should be positioned in the top right-hand corner aligning with the brand's margin requirements.

- **Box packaging:** The icon must appear on the main selling face.
- **Hangtags:** The icon should be placed on the main selling face where possible. If space does not permit, it may be positioned on the back.

14.1.2 Design

The multipart icon is available in two formats: '**PART**' and '**BOX**', depending on the application need. Each format comes in three colour versions:

- **Primary:** Cyan with a white background
- **Secondary:** Black & grey with a white background
- **Mono:** Black only without background

The **primary** multipart icon should be used whenever possible, where the white background ensures versatility across various applications and colour palettes. Where the **secondary** and **mono** versions are intended for use only when CMYK printing is not feasible, dependent if there is a label or printed directly on the packaging itself.

The icon includes multipart variations up to four (4). If multi-parts variations over this range is required, please speak to Private Label Brand team (privatelabel@bunnings.com.au) for custom layout development (see example in Figure 21 below).

14.1.3 Labelling Contents for Multi-Box Items

When a product is packaged across multiple boxes and each box contains different components (e.g., legs in Box 1 and tabletop in Box 2), it's important to clearly specify the contents on the label to avoid confusion during unpacking or assembly, see examples in **table 9**.

To do this:

- **Select an appropriate icon format** from the approved library that includes a content call-out. The label should feature either:
 - "THIS PART INCLUDES:" or
 - "THIS BOX INCLUDES:" placed directly below the multi-part icon.
- **Replace placeholder text** (e.g., "LOREM IPSUM") with a clear, specific description of the box contents. Ensure the text is:
 - Left-aligned
 - Written in the Private Label brand's standard font
 - Consistent with terminology used in the product label and information manual (if available)
- **Maintain clarity and consistency** by using legible, concise language that accurately reflects the contents of each box.

Please reach out to Global Sourcing (globalsourcing@bunnings.com.au) or Private Label Branding team (privatelabel@bunnings.com.au) with any questions.



Figure 21 – Example of custom layout for Multipart Icon for Furniture.

This 7-piece outdoor sling setting includes one table and six chairs. The table (Part 1 of 2) is packaged in a single box, while each chair (Part 2 of 2) is individually tagged. To complete the set, all six chairs must be picked up. Each chair's hangtag indicates "Part 2 of 2" and specifies "6x chairs required to complete set." The consistent use of "Part" across both components helps clarify the multipart packaging.

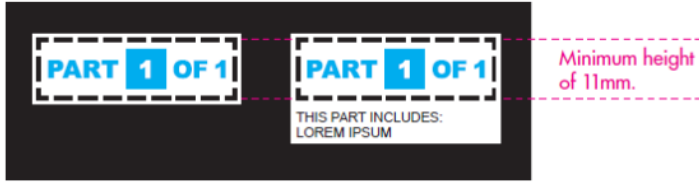
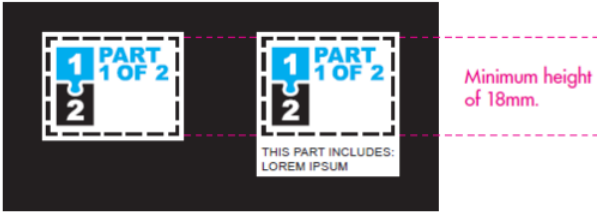
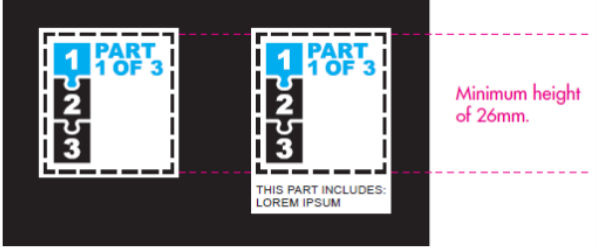
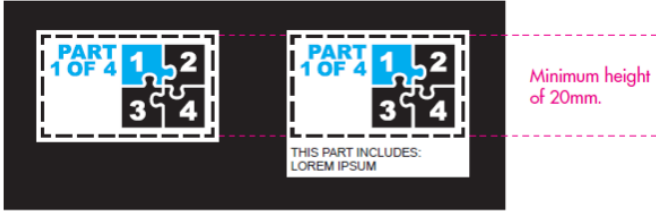
Table 9 – Multi-part Icon Program - Examples

Version Format	Icon Example without contents	Icon example with contents	Usage
Primary			Whenever possible
Secondary			When CYMK printing is not feasible – for print directly on label
Mono			When CYMK printing is not feasible – for print directly on cardboard packaging

14.1.4 Minimum Size of Icons

The size of the icons depends on the size of the primary packaging, ensuring it meets a minimum size requirement as outlined below. The minimum size for each Part/Box number applies to all colour and mono versions of the icons and is measured by dotted keyline. There is no maximum size, but the multipart icon can be as large as possible for best visibility on pack.

Table 10 – Size of Icons

Packaging Type	Minimum Label - Height Size (mm)
Part/Box of '1'	 <p>Minimum height of 11mm.</p>
Part/Box of '2'	 <p>Minimum height of 18mm.</p>
Part/Box of '3'	 <p>Minimum height of 26mm.</p>
Part/Box of '4'	 <p>Minimum height of 20mm.</p>

14.2 Hand-Hole Requirements

14.2.1. Hand-Hole Size, Shape and Comfort

Make the opening big enough for a full hand (including gloves) to ensure a comfortable and strong grip.

- Width: ≥ 110 mm
- Height: ≥ 45 –55 mm
- Shape: Oval or rounded rectangle (no sharp angles).
- No exposed corrugated flutes.
- Add tape, rolled edges, extra layers, or inserts if edges feel rough.

14.2.2. Placement and Ergonomics

Hand-holes must:

- Go on both sides of the carton.
- Be centred left-to-right.

Vertical placement:

- General handling: ~1/3 down from the top.
- Floor lifting: lower grips 120–160 mm above base.
- Have a grip orientation (horizontal or vertical) matching how the carton is lifted.
- Allow a neutral wrist position (no bending or twisting).
- For two-person lifts hand holes must be at the same height on both sides.

14.2.3. Strength, Reinforcement & Durability

- Hand holes must remain fully intact during lifting.
- Area around cut-outs must be reinforced:
 - Extra board layers
 - Plastic or fibre inserts
 - Patch reinforcements
- Hand holes must not tear, deform, or bend inward.
- Reinforcement must not compromise grip comfort.

14.2.4. Use Limits & Alternatives

Do NOT use hand holes if the carton contains:

- Loose materials (soil, compost, powders).
- Contents sensitive to dust or moisture.
- Packs under high internal pressure.
- Fragile contents.
- Cartons where cut-outs significantly weaken structure.

Alternative handling solutions:

- External straps with handles.
- Clip-on or add-on handles.
- Split packs or smaller units.