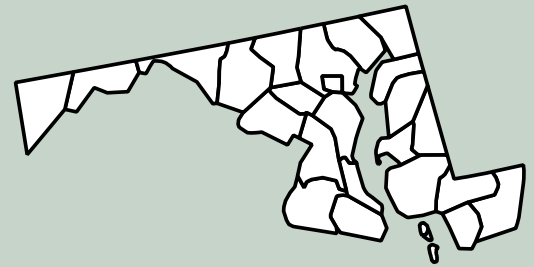


Maryland

EPR Snapshot for Envelope & Mail Producers



Summary

PRO: Circular Action Alliance (CAA) (May not be the sole designated PRO)

Status: Enacted, Rulemaking Year

Upcoming rulemaking: Maryland recently issued proposed EPR regulations; covered materials list due by July 1, 2027

Maryland enacted its EPR law on May 13, 2025, making it one of the more recent additions to the growing list of states with packaging EPR. The law covers both packaging and paper products, meaning it is broadly relevant to envelope manufacturers. 2026 is a rule and guidance development year — producers should begin monitoring closely and prepare for registration requirements.

What Is Covered

- Packaging materials sold or distributed in Maryland
- Paper products — Maryland's inclusion of paper products alongside packaging makes it one of the broader-scope states

The inclusion of paper products is significant for EMA members. While exemptions and coverage definitions are still being developed in rulemaking, producers should not assume communications paper is excluded until the regulations are finalized.

Practical Takeaways

- Begin tracking Maryland's rulemaking process now — the law is new and definitions are still forming
- Consider engaging with AF&PA and CAA to stay current on implementation developments
- Do not assume communications mail is exempt — monitor for explicit exemptions similar to Colorado's financial/legal paper carve-out

What to Watch

- MDE draft regulations — watch for coverage definitions, exemption structures, and producer thresholds
- Advisory council activity — may influence how paper products are treated
- CAA is expected to play a major implementation role — registration and reporting timelines will follow

Key Dates

- May 13, 2025 — Law enacted
- May 31, 2026 — Producer registration opened March 31, 2026; Simplified Supply Report was due
- 2026 — Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) developing draft regulations, compliance guide, advisory council, and statewide needs assessment
- Producer registration and compliance requirements — timing to be confirmed through rulemaking

Key Resources

- [Maryland MDE EPR Page](#)
- [CAA Maryland Page](#)
- [CAA Producer Resource Center](#)

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