

PPWR Heavy Metals Compliance Statement

Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (EU) 2025/40 (PPWR) Article 5(4) - Heavy Metals Requirements

Sonae Arauco confirms that its wood-based panel products, including Particleboard (PB), Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF), Oriented Strand Board (OSB) and Decorative Panels (DP), have been assessed and comply with the heavy metals requirement established in Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on Packaging and Packaging Waste (PPWR).

The PPWR requires that the sum of the concentrations of lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg) and hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) present in packaging or packaging components does not exceed 100 mg/kg. The assessment has been performed using analytical data obtained from accredited and independent laboratories. Available test reports include determinations of heavy metal content by acid digestion followed by ICP-MS, ICP-OES or ICP-AES analysis, as well as complementary chromium(VI) and migration testing where applicable.

Where a specific total-content determination of chromium(VI) was not available, a conservative worst-case approach was applied, assuming that the entire measured total chromium content could be present as chromium(VI). This approach provides an additional safety margin and ensures that compliance is not overstated.

Based on the analytical data available and conservative upper-bound estimates derived from the available test data and worst-case assumptions, the sum of the concentrations of lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg) and hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI)) remain significantly below the regulatory limit of 100 mg/kg established by Regulation (EU) 2025/40 (PPWR).

This statement is based on analytical results available at the date of issue and applies to standard Sonae Arauco products manufactured under normal production conditions. It does not replace product-specific testing where required by contractual, regulatory or customer-specific obligations.

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Signed on manufacturer behalf by:



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