



## PACKAGING STATEMENT

Acco UK Ltd has adopted the *Responsible Packaging Code of Practice*\* for optimising packaging and minimising waste as summarised below:

1. **Function:** The primary roles of packaging are to contain, protect and preserve a product as well as aiding its handling and presentation. These functions must be performed using the minimum packaging necessary under reasonably foreseeable conditions of manufacture, distribution, warehousing, retailing and use.
2. **Honesty in Presentation:** Consumer packaging must not be designed to give a false impression of the nature, quantity or quality of the contents.
3. **Convenience in use:** It is very important that packaging is convenient to use.
4. **Instructional guidance:** Packaging may need to contain information to assist the consumer or employees in the supply chain. Examples cover the proper handling of the pack, indications of potential hazards, its opening and closing, storage conditions and product use.
5. **Legal requirements:** Packaging must comply with all relevant prevailing legislation including the UK Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations.
6. **Health, safety and consumer protection:** Packaging must not present any avoidable hazard to the consumer or to employees in the supply chain. Where identifiable risks exist, suitable warnings should be visible.
7. **Environmental aspects:** When packaging is designed or selected, measures must also be taken to reduce the use of resources throughout the supply chain.

Application of the Code within ACCO UK Ltd is monitored by approved control systems meeting the requirements of:

ISO 14001 Environment Management Systems

ISO 9002 Quality Management Systems

\*The *Responsible Packaging Code of Practice* has been developed by INCPEN, the Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment, is supported by associations representing over 85% of companies in the UK packaging chain and is endorsed by Government departments and LACORS (the Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services). Copies of the full code in detail can be obtained from:

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