

□ What is BDO?

BDO (Database of Products and Packaging and Waste Management) is a nationwide register used for the registration of companies introducing to the market:

- products in packaging,
- electrical and electronic equipment,
- batteries and accumulators,
- vehicles, tires, oils,
- as well as generating or managing waste.

□ The BDO register is maintained **by voivodeship marshals** and operates through the portal: <https://bdo.mos.gov.pl>

□ When do sole proprietors and companies have the obligation to register for BDO?

□ You must register if:

1. **You introduce products in packaging**, e.g.:
 - you sell products with labels, film, cardboard (e.g. cosmetics, handicrafts, clothes),
 - you send goods by courier (e.g. e-commerce) – even in a bubble envelope.
2. **You produce or import packaged goods**, even for personal use or on a one-time basis.
3. **You bring electronic/electrical equipment / batteries to the market**, e.g.:
 - selling power banks, lamps, cables, chargers,
 - engaging in e-commerce (Allegro, Amazon).
4. **You generate waste other than municipal waste**, e.g.:

- you run a beauty salon, hairdresser, workshop, accounting office with a shredder,
- you have used toner, batteries, fluorescent lamps, chemicals, reagents, etc.

5. You provide waste management services, e.g.:

- collection, transport, processing, storage of waste.

□ When do you NOT have to register for BDO?

You do not register if:

- you do not introduce packaging or equipment to the market (you buy only for yourself),
- the waste from your activity **is only municipal** (e.g. garbage like at home),
- you do not engage in activities covered by waste legislation,
- you are only a service recipient – e.g. you buy packaging and throw everything away as an end customer.

□ Note: **the fact of using the services of a waste disposal company does NOT exempt from the obligation of registration** if you generate waste other than municipal.

□ Examples: who must, and who does not?

Online store (shipping in a box) - Yes | Packaging + e-commerce
Beautician / hairdresser - Yes | Chemical waste, packaging of cosmetics
Graphic designer, programmer, copywriter - No | No introduction of packaging and waste
Candle manufacturer, handicraft on Etsy - Yes | Own or manufacturer packaging
Accounting office with a shredder - Often | Generating paper waste (not always)
Mechanic / workshop - Yes | Oils, filters, chemicals
Dropshipping (trade from China / EU) - Often | Packaging, e-commerce
Bakery selling in paper - Yes | Unit packaging

□ How to register for BDO?

□ Step by step:

1. Go to <https://rejestr-bdo.mos.gov.pl/>
2. Submit a **registration application for BDO** – through a trusted profile or qualified signature
3. Select the appropriate **business sectors (e.g. 4, 5, 6, 9 or 11)**
4. Attach the required documents (e.g. KRS, CEIDG, NIP)
5. Wait for the decision of the marshal (usually a few working days)

□ Upon obtaining the entry, you receive **BDO registration number**, which **you must include on invoices, receipts, and sales documents**.

□ What are the consequences of not registering for BDO?

- Failure to register for BDO when required - Administrative penalty: from 5,000 to 1,000,000 PLN
- Missing BDO number on the invoice - Up to 1,000 PLN fine
- Missing annual reports (by March 15) - Fine + possible cancellation of registration

Legal basis

- **Act of December 14, 2012 on Waste (Journal of Laws of 2024, item 1542)**
- **Act on Packaging and Packaging Waste**
- **Act on Batteries and Accumulators**
- **Act on Used Electrical and Electronic Equipment**

Summary (is there a need to register for BDO?)

Sells products in packaging or e-commerce - YES

Provides services with special waste (cosmetics, mechanics) - YES

Generates only municipal waste (e.g. home office) - NO

Produces, imports, or sells electronic equipment - YES

Runs a service business without products/waste - Depending