

## Prep Free Packaging (PFP) test procedure revision

### What was launched?

Amazon has published revised Prep Free Packaging (PFP) test procedure. This test standard will continue to be required for PFP certification.

### Why was it launched?

We strive to enable Selling Partners to innovate their packaging on behalf of customers. Updating our test methods to reflect network changes keeps test methods aligned with Amazon's innovations. Amazon has previously announced the removal air pillow dunnage from outbound packaging, and over time the mix of multis shipments has changed with customer ordering behavior, the test procedure revisions reflect these changes.

Summary of changes to test setup:

1. Materials (remove air pillow dunnage type and change to paper dunnage, recommend paper tape)
2. Changes to the hazards size, weights, and test specimen item pairing
3. Changes to Amazon Overbox sizes
4. Test sample quantities

### How to Access?

Prep Free Packaging (PFP) certification uses the ISTA 6-Amazon.com OVERBOX ([link](#)). The test is developed by Amazon to simulate ASINs shipping either by itself or with other items packaged in Amazon outbound packaging. The full test procedure is available to ISTA certified labs which have been notified of the changes and Vendors can locate a certified packaging lab using the [search tool](#).

### What is the transition plan for Vendors?

ASINs that are currently PFP certified will remain certified as long as they remain in good standing; ASINs may be decertified for high damages, concessions, escalations (including safety), non-compliant packaging, etc. We will offer a transition period of 4 months, where the 2018 or 2026 version of the test will be accepted, minimizing disruption for Vendors who may have testing in-flight or are in process of submitting enrollment requests. This also allows time for labs to implement the changes. **Effective August 1<sup>st</sup> 2026, all Prep Free Packaging (PFP) enrollments must use the new 2026 ISTA 6-Amazon.com OVERBOX test procedure.** Updated test templates and example test reports are available on our [Amazon Packaging Website](#).

### What is Next?

**We know change can be hard, our plan is not to make changes unless we find they are meaningful to Selling Partners and customers.** With said, we continue to study our Amazon Fulfillment Network which continues to evolve which may require future updates to the packaging test standards. When additional and meaningful changes are identified, additional launch announcement(s) will follow for communicating future packaging updates. **RDPI continues to support the use of the current published test procedures and encourages using these for continued enrollment of ASINs** including for Frustration Free Packaging (FFP), Ships in Own Container (SIOC), Ships in Own Bag (SIOB), and Prep Free Packaging (PFP) certifications. We recognize the important role packaging plays in delivering a positive experience for customers, and we are excited about the future of continued packaging innovation.

### What additional resources are available?

- Amazon SIPP program Website ([link](#)): SIPP program details including packaging guidelines, testing, enrolling SOP, and packaging library
- ISTA Website ([link](#)): latest procedure and locating ISTA labs