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# Plastic and Packaging Waste

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# Plastic and Packaging Policy – What's happening?

- Circular Economy Action and Legislative Plans
- Revision of a suite of EU legislation, including the Packaging Directive
- EU Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy
- Single Use Plastics Directive
- EU proposal for a plastic packaging own resource



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# Focus for Today

1. Amendments to the Packaging Directive
2. Article 4 of EU Directive 2019/904 (Single Use Plastics Directive)



# Amendments to the Packaging Directive

- Challenging Targets for Plastic Packaging recycling under the amendments to the Packaging Directive

Material	Current EU Recycling Target Performance (2017)	By 2025	By 2030
Plastics	22.5% 34.0%	50%	55%

- Mandatory EPR for Producers of Packaging from 2024



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# Single Use Plastics Directive (2019/904)

- Consumption Reduction Measures – (Article 4)
- Market Restrictions ( bans) – Article 5
- Product Requirements – tethered caps and recycled content (Article 6)
- Marking Requirements ( Article 7)
- Extended Producer Responsibility – new obligations ( Article 8)
- Separate Collection – 77% by 2025 and 90% by 2029



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# SUP Directive

## Q: What does it cover?

## A: SUP and Bioplastic versions of:

- Food Containers
- Cups for Beverages
- Cotton Bud Sticks
- Cutlery, plates, stirrers and straws
- Balloon Sticks
- Expanded polystyrene single use food and beverage containers
- All oxo-degradable plastic products
- Balloons
- Packets and Wrappers
- Beverage Containers up to 3ltrs in size
- Beverage Bottles up to 3ltrs in size
- Tobacco products containing plastic filters
- Wet wipes
- Sanitary towels
- Plastic carrier bags
- Fishing gear (including aquaculture gear)



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# SUP Directive – Article 4

Achieve an ambitious and sustained reduction in our use of SUP Food Containers and Cups for Beverages

By **3 July 2021** - prepare a description of the measures to be used in a MS, notify the Commission of the measures and make them publically available

Measures can include:

- Setting national consumption reduction targets
- Ensuring re-usable alternatives are made available to consumers
- Economic instruments such as ensuring SUP items are not available free of charge
- Legally binding agreements between competent authorities and economic sectors
- Notifiable market restrictions



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# What are we going to do....

SUP straws, cups and cutlery restricted in public service sector

“Latte” and other levies

Trialling a SUP cup-free zone

EPR

Deposit and Refund for plastic bottles and cans

All suggestions welcome.....



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# Thank You