

EU Directive 2019/904: 'on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment'.

Requirements and Timeline

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An ambitious and sustained reduction to be achieved in consumption of cups and food containers 	<p>Measures to achieve this reduction to be published and notified to the Commission by 3 July 2021.</p> <p>Reduction to be achieved by 2026 (baseline 2022)</p>
<p>Restrictions on placing on the market (banned items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cotton Bud Sticks Cutlery, plates, stirrers, chopstick and straws Expanded polystyrene single use food and beverage containers All oxo-degradable plastic products 	<p>3 July 2021 (for all)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product design - Lids must be attached to all beverage containers up to 3ltrs in size 	<p>3 July 2024</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All plastic bottles up to 3ltrs in size must contain a % of recycled content. 	<p>25% by 2025</p> <p>30% by 2030</p>
<p>Marking Requirements - specific marking requirements are required on the following products or their packaging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanitary towels, tampons and tampon applicators wet-wipes (pre-wetted personal and domestic); tobacco filters and filters marketed for use in combination with tobacco products; cups for beverages. 	<p>3 July 2021 (for all)</p>
<p>Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes:</p> <p>New Schemes to be introduced for :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wet Wipes Balloons Light-weight plastic bags Fishing Gear Scheme for tobacco products <p>Existing packaging scheme (which covers food containers, cups, packets and wrappers, beverage containers and bottles) must cover the costs of awareness raising, cost of waste collection from public collection systems (including infrastructure and</p>	<p>31 December 2024</p> <p>5 January 2023</p> <p>5 January 2023</p>

its operation), transport, treatment and cost of litter clean up	
Separate collection: % of plastic bottles collected separately to be achieved in order to facilitate recyclability.	77% by 2025 rising to 90% by 2029