



Packaging Industry in Japan

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Table 1 - Overview of Packaging Recycling and Recovery in Japan: 2021/2022 and Targets for 2023

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