

# Packaging Industry in Germany

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Packaging in 2023: The big picture 2023 key trends Thin wall plastic containers continue to dominate dairy packaging owing to their cost effectiveness Smaller pack sizes preferred for soft drinks as consumers prioritise portion control PET bottles emerge as a popular pack type for affordable beer due to cost effectiveness Smaller pack sizes continue to dominate skin care packaging owing to convenience and consumer preferences Toilet care packaging declining amidst sustainability concerns

#### PACKAGING LEGISLATION

New regulations introduced making large-scale recyclability mandatory for various packaging materials EU sets new packaging reduction targets to prioritise waste reduction

#### RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Reusable packaging and tableware mandated for foodservice industry in 2023 Germany continues to retain its position as the top recycler in the world Table 1 - Overview of Packaging Recycling and Recovery in Germany: 2021/2022 and Targets for 2023

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