

Flexible Packaging in Western Europe

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Flexible plastic the dominant pack type in flexible packaging

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Plastic pouches the most dynamic performer in a number of countries

Flexible plastic adds the most new units in Western Europe over 2018-2023

Lightweight nature in transportation and resource efficiency speak for flexible packaging

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Packaged food remains the leading user of flexible packaging in Western Europe

Packaged food categories dominate the usage of flexible plastic

Tea and coffee the biggest users of flexible paper after the food categories

Aluminium/plastic pouches the leading pack type in wet cat food

Food dominates closures in flexible packaging

Zip/press closures enjoying increasing usage over 2018-2023

Larger pack sizes popular in dog and cat food and home care

Small households and on-the-go consumption boost demand for smaller packs in food

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Turkey to see the strongest growth and add the most new packaging units

Aluminium/plastic pouches expected to see dynamic growth in Turkey

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Strong growth expected for flexible packaging in Turkey over 2023-2028

Blister and strip packs a key flexible packaging format in beauty and personal care

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