



Alcoholic Drinks Packaging in Germany

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2024 DEVELOPMENTS

Packaging unit volumes decline as regulations and consumer trends favour lighter, recyclable formats

Metal cans outperform glass bottles in alcoholic drinks packaging thanks to cost and convenience considerations

Sustainability and regulations driving packaging innovation, boosting cans, refillables and inclusive formats

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Regulations and changing drinking habits will reshape alcoholic drinks packaging

Innovation and eco-consciousness driving the rise of canned multipacks in beer and RTDs, displacing heavier glass formats

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Packaging in 2024: The big picture

2024 key trends

Sustainability and health demands drive a shift towards portion-controlled, paper-based food packaging

Eco-innovation and consumer trends drive shift to recyclable and smart packaging formats

Regulatory pressure accelerates adoption of lightweight and recyclable alcohol packaging

Eco-friendly materials and refill solutions drive innovation in beauty packaging

Refillable, recyclable and concentrated formats transforming home care packaging

Demand for convenience and sustainability fuels rise of pouches and eco-friendly pet food packaging

PACKAGING LEGISLATION

EU PPWR regulatory mandates drive costly redesigns and spur sustainable packaging innovation

Recycled content obligation raises material costs and pushes affordable design strategies

Stricter recyclability standards prompt early design changes and competitive differentiation

RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Regulatory pressure drives recyclable packaging adoption

Legal mandates and incentives accelerate reusable packaging uptake

Material innovation responds to sustainability demands

Table 1 - Overview of Packaging Recycling and Recovery in Germany: 2022/2023 and Targets for 2024

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