



Soft Drinks Packaging in Japan

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Smaller pack sizes increasingly popular among consumers, to the detriment of the biggest packs

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Japan set to accelerate PET packaging circularity, with shift towards 50% bottle-to-bottle recycling

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

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