



# Packaging Industry in Romania

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Romania is undergoing a comprehensive packaging transformation driven by new regulations, with industry adaptation and consumer impact at the forefront

Extended Producer Responsibility acts as a catalyst for innovation and accelerates the transition to a circular economy

Romania's new transparency rules on shrinkflation increase consumer protection and reshape packaging strategies

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The Deposit Return System rapidly transforms recycling habits and drives progress towards EU circular economy goals

Comprehensive educational campaigns drive Romania's shift towards a culture of sustainable waste management and circular economy practices

Romania's recent waste policies show progress towards a circular economy and better resource management

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

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