



Processed Meat and Seafood Packaging in Germany

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Processed Meat and Seafood Packaging in Germany - Category analysis

KEY DATA FINDINGS

2024 DEVELOPMENTS

Shift toward flexitarian diets impacts meat and seafood packaging demand

New floatable PET film by SÜDPACK in meat and seafood packaging

Flexible plastic and thin wall containers see growth in specific pack sizes despite supply chain disruptions

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Processed meat and seafood packaging volumes to recover amidst rebound in German meat production

Flexible plastic will continue to dominate processed meat packaging, and folding cartons to see growth in processed seafood packaging

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Processed Meat and Seafood Packaging in Germany - Company Profiles

Packaging Industry in Germany - Industry Overview

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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