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Basic information	
<p>COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) <a href="#">2015/0276(COD)</a> Directive</p>	Procedure completed
<p>Packaging and packaging waste: resource efficiency. Circular economy package</p> <p>Amending Directive 94/62/EC <a href="#">1992/0436(COD)</a> See also <a href="#">2015/0272(COD)</a> See also <a href="#">2015/0274(COD)</a> See also <a href="#">2015/0275(COD)</a></p> <p>Subject 3.70.12 Waste management, domestic waste, packaging, light industrial waste</p> <p>Legislative priorities <a href="#">Joint Declaration 2018-19</a> <a href="#">Joint Declaration 2017</a></p>	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	 <a href="#">BONAFÈ Simona</a>	22/12/2015
		Shadow rapporteur	
		 <a href="#">FLORENZ Karl-Heinz</a>	
		 <a href="#">DEMESMAEKER Mark</a>	
		 <a href="#">TORVALDS Nils</a>	
		 <a href="#">ŠKRLEC Davor</a>	
	 <a href="#">PEDICINI Piernicola</a>		
	 <a href="#">JALKH Jean-François</a>		
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	 Economic and Monetary Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	 Industry, Research and Energy		
	 Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Education, Youth, Culture and Sport</a>	<a href="#">3617</a>	22/05/2018
	<a href="#">Environment</a>	<a href="#">3550</a>	19/06/2017
	<a href="#">Environment</a>	<a href="#">3452</a>	04/03/2016
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	

## Key events

02/12/2015	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2015)0596</a>	Summary
14/12/2015	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
04/03/2016	Debate in Council	<a href="#">3452</a>	
24/01/2017	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
07/02/2017	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A8-0029/2017</a>	Summary
14/03/2017	Debate in Parliament		
14/03/2017	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T8-0072/2017</a>	Summary
14/03/2017	Matter referred back to the committee responsible		
19/06/2017	Debate in Council	<a href="#">3550</a>	
27/02/2018	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	<a href="#">PE618.275</a> GEDA/A/(2018)001577	
16/04/2018	Debate in Parliament		
18/04/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/04/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T8-0112/2018</a>	Summary
22/05/2018	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
30/05/2018	Final act signed		
30/05/2018	End of procedure in Parliament		
14/06/2018	Final act published in Official Journal		

## Technical information

Procedure reference	2015/0276(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Directive
	Amending Directive 94/62/EC <a href="#">1992/0436(COD)</a> See also <a href="#">2015/0272(COD)</a> See also <a href="#">2015/0274(COD)</a> See also <a href="#">2015/0275(COD)</a>
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 59-p4; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 114-p1

Mandatory consultation of other institutions	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a>
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	ENVI/8/05233

### Documentation gateway

For information		<a href="#">SWD(2014)0208</a>	02/07/2014	EC	
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(2015)0596</a>	02/12/2015	EC	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SWD(2015)0259</a>	03/12/2015	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		<a href="#">SWD(2015)0260</a>	03/12/2015	EC	
Reasoned opinion	FR_SENATE	<a href="#">PE577.042</a>	18/02/2016	NP	
Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report		<a href="#">CES0042/2016</a>	27/04/2016	ESC	
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE582.447</a>	25/05/2016	EP	
Committee of the Regions: opinion		<a href="#">CDR0585/2016</a>	15/06/2016	CofR	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE583.979</a>	06/07/2016	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		<a href="#">PE585.639</a>	02/08/2016	EP	
Committee opinion	ITRE	<a href="#">PE582.211</a>	20/10/2016	EP	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE597.510	17/01/2017	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A8-0029/2017</a>	07/02/2017	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, partial vote at 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0072/2017</a>	14/03/2017	EP	Summary
Coreper letter confirming interinstitutional agreement		GEDA/A/(2018)001577	23/02/2018	CSL	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T8-0112/2018</a>	18/04/2018	EP	Summary
Draft final act		<a href="#">00012/2018/LEX</a>	30/05/2018	CSL	
Commission response to text adopted in plenary		<a href="#">SP(2018)350</a>	06/06/2018	EC	

### Additional information

Research document	<a href="#">Briefing</a>
Research document	<a href="#">Briefing</a>

### Final act

[Directive 2018/852](#)  
[OJ L 150 14.06.2018, p. 0141](#) Summary  
 Final legislative act with provisions for delegated acts

**PURPOSE:** to prevent and reduce the impact of packaging and packaging waste on the environment in order to facilitate Europe's transition to a circular economy.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with Council.

**BACKGROUND:** the Commission considers that recent trends suggest that turning waste into a resource is an essential part of increasing resource efficiency and closing the loop in a circular economy. The Union's economy currently loses a significant amount of potential secondary raw materials that are found in waste streams. In 2013, total waste generation in the EU amounted to approximately 2.5 billion tons of which 1.6 billion tons were not reused or recycled and therefore lost for the European economy. It is estimated that an additional 600 million tons could be recycled or reused. By way of example, only a limited share (43%) of the municipal waste generated in the Union was recycled, with the rest being landfilled (31%) or incinerated (26%).

With respect to waste management, the Union also faces large differences amongst its Member States. In 2011, while six Member States landfilled less than 3% of their municipal waste, 18 landfilled over 50%, with some exceeding 90%. This uneven situation needs to be redressed.

The proposal aiming to amend [Directive 94/62/EC](#) on waste is part of a series of measures on the circular economy which also includes proposals to amend:

- Directive 2008/98/EC on [waste](#);
- Directive 1999/31/EC on the [landfill of waste](#);
- Directive 2000/53/EC on [end-of-life vehicles](#);
- Directive 2006/66/EC on [batteries and accumulators](#) and waste batteries and accumulators;
- Directive 2012/19/EU on [waste electrical and electronic equipment](#).

The proposals build in part on [the proposal](#) that the Commission tabled in July 2014 and subsequently withdrew in February 2015. They are in line with the objectives of the [Resource Efficiency Roadmap](#) and the [7th Environment Action Programme](#) including:

- full implementation of the waste hierarchy in all Member States;
- decline in absolute and per capita waste generation;
- ensuring high quality recycling and the use of recycled waste as a major, reliable source of raw materials for the Union.

They also contribute to the implementation of the [EU Raw Materials Initiative](#) and address the need to prevent food waste.

**IMPACT ASSESSMENT :** the impact assessment led to the conclusion that the options envisaged will bring the following benefits:

- reduction of the administrative burden in particular for small establishments or undertakings, simplification and better implementation including by keeping targets fit for purpose;
- more than 170,000 direct jobs could be created by 2035, most of them impossible to delocalize outside the EU;
- GHG emission reduction more than 600 millions of tons of green house gas could be avoided between 2015 and 2035;
- positive effects on the competitiveness of the EU waste management and recycling sectors as well as on the EU manufacturing sector ;
- reinjection into the EU economy of secondary raw materials which in turn will reduce the dependency of the EU on raw materials imports.

**CONTENT:** the proposal aims to amend the targets set by Directive 94/62/EC for the recovery and recycling of packaging and packaging waste to make them better reflect the Union's ambition to move to a circular economy.

The main points are as follows:

Recovery, recycling and reuse: the proposal provides for an increase in the targets for preparing for re-use and the recycling of packaging waste. Thus, Member States must take the necessary measures to fulfil the following targets:

- no later than 31 December 2025 a minimum of 65% by weight of all packaging waste will be prepared for reuse and recycled;
- no later than 31 December 2025 the following minimum targets by weight for preparing for reuse and recycling will be met regarding the following specific materials contained in packaging waste:
  1. 55 % of plastic;
  2. 60% of wood;
  3. 75% of ferrous metal, aluminium, glass, and paper and cardboard;
- no later than 31 December 2030 a minimum of 75% by weight of all packaging waste will be prepared for reuse and recycled;
- no later than 31 December 2030 the following minimum targets by weight for preparing for reuse and recycling will be met regarding the following specific materials contained in packaging waste:
  1. 75% of wood;
  2. 85% of ferrous metal, aluminium, glass, and paper and cardboard.

The Commission may propose revised levels of the targets for plastics for 2030 based on a review of progress made by Member States towards reaching those targets, taking into account the evolution of the types of plastics placed on the market and the development of new recycling technologies and the demand for recycled plastics.

Packaging waste exported from the Union: this may only be counted towards the attainment of the targets laid down by the Member State in which the packaging waste was collected if the certain requirements are met and if, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1013/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the exporter can prove that the shipment of waste complies with the requirements of that Regulation and that the treatment of waste outside the Union took place in conditions that are equivalent to the requirements of the relevant Union environmental legislation.

Rules on the calculation of the attainment of the targets: the proposal provides for the adoption of harmonised methods of calculation for recycling rates throughout the EU. To ensure harmonised conditions for those calculations, the Commission will adopt detailed rules on the determination of recognised preparation for re-use operators and deposit-refund schemes and on the collection, verification and reporting of data.

Member States should establish an effective system of quality control and traceability of the packaging waste.

Reporting: in order to ensure the reliability of the data gathered on preparation for re-use the proposal sets out common rules for reporting. It lays down more precisely the rules according to which Member States should report what is effectively recycled and can be counted towards the attainment of the recycling targets.

Early warning system: the proposal establishes an early warning system to detect shortcomings and allow taking action ahead of the deadlines for meeting the targets. The Commission shall draw up reports three years before each time-limit laid down.

Simplification and streamlining of reporting obligations: it is proposed to repeal provisions obliging Member States to produce implementation reports every three years and use exclusively the statistical data which Member States report every year to the Commission.

DELEGATED ACTS: the proposal contains provisions empowering the Commission to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

## Packaging and packaging waste: resource efficiency. Circular economy package

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted the report by Simona BONAFÈ (S&D, IT) on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste.

The committee recommended that the European Parliaments position adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal as follows:

Objective: Members stressed the importance of the Directive for the transition to a circular economy. They also stressed the need to avoid toxic substances at the design stage to allow products and materials to circulate in a closed loop without endangering the quality of materials and the health of citizens, workers and the environment.

Prevention: Member States shall take measures to minimise the environmental impact of packaging. Such measures shall include extended producer responsibility and incentives for the take-up of re-usable packaging in order to reduce the excessive use of packaging.

Furthermore, waste prevention efforts should not compromise the role of packaging in preserving hygiene or safety for consumers.

Member States should put in place adequate incentives for the application of the waste hierarchy, in particular, by means of financial and fiscal incentives aimed at achieving the packaging waste prevention and recycling objectives of this Directive.

Promoting re-use: Members proposed: (i) a target for re-use of packaging of a minimum of 5% by weight of all packaging waste no later than 31 December 2030; (ii) no later than 31 December 2030, a minimum of 10% by weight of all packaging waste is re-used.

In order to encourage re-use operations, Member States may take measures such as the use of deposit return schemes for re-usable packaging products or the setting up of a minimum percentage of re-useable packaging placed on the market every year per packaging stream.

Generation and recycling: no later than 31 December 2030, a minimum of 80% by weight of all packaging waste generated will be recycled. For packaging materials, such as paper and cardboard, plastic, glass, metal and wood, Members proposed to raise the minimum recycling targets with a target to be reached by 2025 for each material.

No later than 31 December 2030, the following minimum targets by weight for recycling will be 80% of wood; 90% of ferrous metal, aluminium and of glass.

Members proposed introducing a clear legal obligation to mandate separate collection and sorting for all packaging. Member States shall take the necessary measures to put in place the separate collection of at least packaging or packaging waste made up of paper, metal, plastic or glass, or any combination thereof, from residual waste.

Member States shall encourage the use of materials obtained from recycled packaging waste for the production of packaging and other products.

Essential requirements: in order to boost the prevention of packaging waste and reduce its impact on the environment while promoting recycling materials of high quality, Members stated that the essential requirements of and Annex II to this Directive should be reviewed, and if necessary revised, to strengthen the requirements that will enhance the design for re-use and high quality recycling of packaging.

Lastly, the impact of the Directive on human health, the environment and the internal market shall be regularly evaluated to ensure that the essential elements of the Directive are fit for purpose.

## Packaging and packaging waste: resource efficiency. Circular economy package

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The European Parliament adopted by 582 votes to 88, with 28 abstentions, amendments to the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste.

The matter was referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations. The vote on the legislative resolution has been postponed to later session.

The main amendments adopted in plenary concerned the following issues:

Objective: Members stressed that the revision of the waste Directive offers an opportunity for waste management to be transformed into

sustainable material management. They also stressed the importance of the Directive for the transition to a circular economy.

**Prevention:** the Directive obliges Member States to take measures to minimise the environmental impact of packaging.

Such measures shall include extended producer responsibility and incentives for the take-up of re-usable packaging and to achieve a reduction in consumption of packaging that is not recyclable and of excessive packaging. Furthermore, waste prevention efforts shall not compromise the role of packaging in preserving hygiene or safety for consumers.

Member States shall make use of adequate economic instruments and other measures to provide incentives for the application of the waste hierarchy. They shall encourage, where environmentally beneficial from a life-cycle perspective, the use of bio-based recyclable packaging and of biodegradable compostable packaging.

**Promoting re-use:** Parliament proposed a target for re-use of packaging of a minimum of 5% by weight of all packaging waste no later than 31 December 2025. No later than 31 December 2030, a minimum of 10% by weight of all packaging waste is re-used.

In order to encourage re-use operations, Member States may take measures such as the use of deposit return schemes for re-usable packaging products or the setting up of a minimum percentage of re-useable packaging placed on the market every year per packaging stream

**Generation and recycling:**

- no later than 31 December 2025 a minimum of 70% by weight of all packaging waste generated will be recycled. This shall increase to 80% by 31 December 2030;
- for packaging waste such as paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, ferrous metal, aluminium, wood, it is proposed to raise the minimum recycling targets with a target to be reached by 2025 for each material.

No later than 31 December 2030, the following minimum targets by weight for recycling will be 80% of wood; 90% of ferrous metal, aluminium and of glass.

Members called for specific measures for return and collection systems. Member States shall take the necessary measures to put in place the separate collection of at least packaging or packaging waste made up of paper, metal, plastic or glass.

Member States shall encourage the use of materials obtained from recycled packaging waste for the production of packaging and other products.

**Essential requirements:** in order to boost the prevention of packaging waste and reduce its impact on the environment while promoting recycling materials of high quality, the essential requirements of and Annex II to this Directive should be reviewed, and if necessary revised, to strengthen the requirements that will enhance the design for re-use and high quality recycling of packaging.

Lastly, the impact of the Directive on human health, the environment and the internal market shall be regularly evaluated to ensure that the essential elements of the Directive are fit for purpose.

## Packaging and packaging waste: resource efficiency. Circular economy package

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The European Parliament adopted by 533 votes to 37, with 57 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/62 / EC on packaging and packaging waste.

The issue had been referred back to the committee responsible for interinstitutional negotiations at the meeting of 14.3.2017.

The European Parliaments position adopted at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure has modified the Commission proposal as follows:

**Objective:** the revised Directive on packaging and packaging waste shall include measures aimed at the prevention of packaging waste as a first priority and, as other fundamental principles, the increase in the reuse of packaging, recycling and other forms of recovery of packaging waste and thus the reduction of the final disposal of this waste in order to contribute to the transition towards a circular economy.

**Prevention:** the Directive would oblige Member States to take measures to prevent the production of packaging waste and to reduce the impact of packaging on the environment.

The application of the waste hierarchy shall be encouraged by Member States through incentives, including economic instruments and other measures. Extended producer responsibility rules in [Directive 2008/98/EC](#) shall apply to extended producer responsibility schemes in the packaging sector.

**Reuse:** Member States shall take measures to encourage the increase in the share of reusable packaging placed on the market and of systems to reuse packaging in an environmentally sound manner, without compromising food hygiene or the safety of consumers. Such measures may include, inter alia:

- the use of deposit-return schemes;
- the setting of qualitative or quantitative targets;
- the use of economic incentives;
- the setting up of a minimum percentage of reusable packaging placed on the market every year for each packaging stream.

**Recovery and recycling:**

- by 31 December 2025, at least 65% (by weight) of all packaging waste generated shall be recycled. This share should increase to 70% by 31 December 2030 at the latest;
- separate targets have been set for specific packaging materials. By 2030, the targets shall be 55% by weight for plastics; 30% for wood; 80% for ferrous metals; 60% for aluminium; 75% for glass and 85% for paper and cardboard.

A Member State may extend the deadlines for achieving the targets by up to 5 years. To benefit from this derogation, it should present an

implementation plan evaluated by the Commission.

- The calculation of recycling targets shall be based on the weight of packaging waste which enters recycling. As a general rule, the actual measurement of the weight of packaging waste counted as recycled shall be at the point where packaging waste enters the recycling operation. Nevertheless, in order to limit administrative burdens, Member States should, under strict conditions and by way of derogation from the general rule, be allowed to establish the weight of packaging waste recycled on the basis of measuring the output of any sorting operation.

Return, collection and recovery systems: Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that systems are set up to provide for:

- the return and/or collection of used packaging and/or packaging waste from the consumer, other final user, or from the waste stream in order to channel it to the most appropriate waste management alternatives;
- the reuse or recovery including recycling of the packaging and/or packaging waste collected.

Those systems shall be open to the participation of the economic operators of the sectors concerned and to the participation of the competent public authorities. They shall also apply to imported products under non-discriminatory conditions, including the detailed arrangements and any tariffs imposed for access to the systems, and shall be designed so as to avoid barriers to trade or distortions of competition.

Essential requirements: by 31 December 2020 at the latest, the Commission should examine the possibility of strengthening the essential requirements to, inter alia, improve design for re-use and promote high quality recycling, as well as to strengthen enforcement. To that end, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council, accompanied, if appropriate, by a legislative proposal

## Packaging and packaging waste: resource efficiency. Circular economy package

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PURPOSE: to prevent and reduce the impact of packaging and packaging waste on the environment in order to facilitate Europe's transition to a circular economy.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Directive (EU) 2018/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste.

CONTENT: this Directive amending [Directive 94/62/EC](#) on packaging and packaging waste is part of a package of measures on the circular economy which includes a package of measures on waste, consisting of four legislative proposals laying down new rules on waste management and setting legally binding targets for recycling.

The revised Directive on packaging and packaging waste shall include measures aimed at the prevention of packaging waste as a first priority and, as other fundamental principles, the increase in the reuse of packaging, recycling and other forms of recovery of packaging waste and thus the reduction of the final disposal of this waste in order to contribute to the transition towards a circular economy.

Extended producer responsibility schemes: since it is generally the producer, and not the consumer, who chooses the quantity and type of packaging used, the Directive establishes extended producer responsibility schemes. The extended producer responsibility rules of [Directive 2008/98/EC](#) on waste shall therefore apply to extended producer responsibility schemes in the packaging sector. Mandatory extended producer responsibility schemes shall be in place for all packaging by 2024.

Reuse: in line with the waste hierarchy laid down in Directive 2008/98/EC, Member States shall take measures to encourage the increase in the share of reusable packaging placed on the market and of systems to reuse packaging in an environmentally sound manner and without compromising food hygiene or the safety of consumers. Such measures may include, inter alia:

- the use of deposit-return schemes;
- the setting of qualitative or quantitative targets;
- the use of economic incentives;
- the setting up of a minimum percentage of reusable packaging placed on the market every year for each packaging stream.

Where single-use packaging is essential to ensure food hygiene and consumer health and safety, Member States shall take measures to ensure that such packaging is recycled.

New recycling targets for packaging waste: the revised Directive provides for increased targets for the preparation for re-use and recycling of packaging waste.

By 31 December 2025, at least 65% (by weight) of all packaging waste generated shall be recycled. This share should increase to 70% by 31 December 2030 at the latest.

The following minimum targets by weight for recycling will be met regarding the following specific materials contained in packaging waste:

- plastic: 50% by weight by 2025 and 55% by 2030;
- wood: 25% by weight by 2025 and 30% by 2030;
- ferrous metals: 70% by weight by 2025 and 80% by 2030;
- aluminium: 50% by weight by 2025 and 60% by 2030;
- glass: 70% by weight by 2025 and 75% by 2030;
- paper and cardboard: 75% by weight by 2025 and 85% by 2030.

A Member State may extend the deadlines for achieving the targets by up to 5 years. To benefit from this derogation, it should present an implementation plan evaluated by the Commission.

The calculation of recycling targets shall be based on the weight of packaging waste which enters recycling. Member States shall, under strict conditions and by way of derogation from the general rule, be allowed to establish the weight of packaging waste recycled on the basis of measuring the output of any sorting operation.

Return, collection and recovery systems: in order to meet the objectives laid down in this Directive, Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that systems are set up to provide for:

- the return and/or collection of used packaging and/or packaging waste from the consumer, other final user, or from the waste stream

- in order to channel it to the most appropriate waste management alternatives;
- the reuse or recovery including recycling of the packaging and/or packaging waste collected.

Those systems shall be open to the participation of the economic operators of the sectors concerned and to the participation of the competent public authorities. They shall also apply to imported products under non-discriminatory conditions, including the detailed arrangements and any tariffs imposed for access to the systems, and shall be designed so as to avoid barriers to trade or distortions of competition.

By 31 December 2024 at the latest, the Commission shall examine the data on reusable packaging provided by Member States in order to examine whether it is possible to set quantitative targets for the re-use of packaging, including calculation rules, and to adopt other measures to promote the re-use of packaging.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 4.7.2018.

TRANSPOSITION: no later than 5.7.2020.