

ANEC welcomes the adoption of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation

Especially **positive** outcomes for **consumers** are:

- ✓ Restrictions on the placing on the market of food contact packaging containing **PFAS** (Per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) above certain thresholds.
- ✓ Measures to **reduce overpackaging** with maximum empty space ratio of 50% in transport and e-commerce packaging.
- ✓ New binding reuse targets for 2030 (to be reassessed in view of 2040 targets); these address also alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.



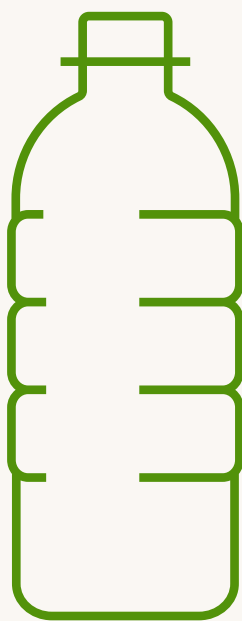
✓ Obligations **by 2030** for **take-aways** to offer **10%** of their products in **packaging suitable for re-use**.

✓ Beverage and take-away food distributors to be obliged to offer consumers the option of bringing their own container for **refill**.

✓ By 2029, Member states are required to set up **deposit return systems (DRSs)** for single-use plastic bottles and metal beverage containers, so to ensure the separate collection of at least 90% per annum of those packaging formats.

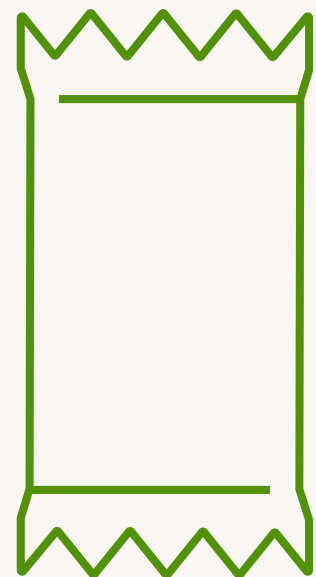
✓ As of 2030, restrictions on **single use plastic packaging** for fruit and vegetables, for food and beverages, condiments, sauces within the HORECA sector, for small cosmetic and toiletry products used in the accommodation sector, and for very lightweight plastic bags.

✓ Member States are required to incentivise HORECA and canteen services to serve **tap water**.



Some **compromises** were however made, and we count the ambition of these requirements is not jeopardised by **exemptions introduced**, e.g.:

- ✦ **Exemption of cardboard from re-use targets.**
- ✦ **Derogations** from re-use targets for member states renewable after 5 years and for **micro-enterprises** under certain conditions.
- ✦ Focus on **plastic** packaging may lead to increased use and waste generation from other materials for which we need to avoid potential risks for consumers' health.



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