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Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste <sup>(1)</sup> (hereafter: PPWR) entered into force on 11 February 2025 and will apply from 12 August 2026.

PPWR harmonises the regulatory framework for packaging and packaging waste across the EU and enhances the smooth functioning of the internal market while reducing the environmental and health impacts linked to packaging.

The practical implementation of the new rules has been generating a lot of questions due to their novelty and complexity. The Commission Notice - Guidance document for Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste ('Commission guidance document') addresses those questions, where there is an evident margin of legal discretion. For the other questions received, DG ENV intends to publish a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, which will be regularly updated.

Member States were consulted on the interpretation of the issues at a dedicated meeting of the Technical Adaptation Committee on Waste on 13 October. A further meeting was organised at the level of deputy permanent representatives on 5 March 2026. Member States' comments and suggestions were duly considered and included into the final draft.

Before launching the ISC, DG ENV has pre-consulted several DGs and Commission services. The ISC ([ISC/2025/11154](#)) on the draft Commission Notice was launched on 03/12/2025 and closed on 9/12/2025. There were no negative opinions. Positive opinions with comments were received from AGRI, ESTAT, GROW, INTPA, LS, MARE, SANTE, TAXUD, TRADE and SG. Their comments were duly considered, and the draft Commission Notice was adapted, where needed.

Therefore, the Commission is called upon to approve the draft content of Commission Notice - Guidance document for Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste.

This document will be formally adopted by the Commission later, when all languages are available. It is only from that moment that the updated guidelines will be applicable.

The updated draft 'Commission guidance document' is attached as Annex to this Communication.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2025/40 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 December 2024 on packaging and packaging waste, amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904, and repealing Directive 94/62/EC (*OJ L*, 2025/40, 22.1.2025)