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The Commission published the guidance document¹ on the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR)² on 30 March 2026. The aim is to provide clarity to stakeholders ahead of the first implementation milestones.

The possibility of allowing Member States to apply a transitional approach until at least the beginning of 2027 regarding the producer responsibility was examined by the Commission in cooperation with the responsible Member States' committee on waste.

The PPWR is directly applicable in Member States by 12 August 2026. However, in terms of extended producer responsibility, national implementing measures will be needed. In this context, the Member States have a margin of appreciation to take measures that accommodate for national circumstances in the implementation of the PPWR.

¹ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/publications/guidance-document-packaging-and-packaging-waste-regulation-ppwr_en.

² 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.