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Under Article 29 of the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR)¹, the reuse targets apply to transport packaging or sales packaging used for transporting products, in the form of pallets, foldable-plastic boxes, boxes, trays, plastic crates, intermediate bulk containers, pails, drums and canisters of any size or material, including flexible formats or pallet wrappings or straps for stabilisation and protection of products put on pallets during transport. On that basis, insulated fish boxes fall within the scope of the reuse targets set out in Article 29 of the PPWR.

The Commission is preparing the implementing act under Article 30 of the PPWR to establish a practical methodology for calculating the reuse targets, while further clarifying the packaging formats covered by Article 29.

Any consideration of an exemption for insulated fish boxes in direct contact with fresh fish under Article 29(18) would require a comprehensive assessment carried out by the Commission, considering the availability of reusable alternatives at scale. In this context, the Commission is mandating the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to issue a scientific opinion about food safety risks of reusable fish boxes, which should be delivered in 2027.

¹ 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.