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Based on a thorough impact assessment, the Circular Economy Act¹ will set out solutions to address fragmentation of the Single Market, market failures and misaligned economic and technological incentives hindering the take-up of circular practices, and insufficient separate collection and recycling of different waste streams.

The aim is to strengthen the business case for circular business models, and boost synergies with the existing EU rules to make sure the EU has a comprehensive framework for circularity that promotes prevention, reuse and recycling of materials. This should help strengthen Europe's resilience, competitiveness and strategic autonomy.

The work on the Circular Economy Act proposal is ongoing, and the Commission cannot prejudge the final content of the proposal at the current juncture. However, the Circular Economy Act should make a business case for circularity across various sectors.

In parallel, the Commission will continue to build on the existing EU framework supporting circularity, promoting separate collection, recycling and markets for secondary raw materials.

Where farmers use plastic as packaging as defined under the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation², this packaging must comply with the requirements therein, including, if applicable, provisions on recyclability and for extended producer responsibility to ensure that it is properly collected and recycled.

¹ https://environment.ec.europa.eu/strategy/circular-economy_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.