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The harmonised reuse targets set out in the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation<sup>1</sup> (PPWR) ensure that economic operators must only apply one set of rules instead of 27 national ones. The beverages that fall within the scope of the reuse targets for beverages in Article 29(6) will be specified in guidelines to be published by 12 February 2027. These guidelines are being prepared in consultation with Member States and other relevant stakeholders. The guidelines cannot provide exemptions that are not already included in the PPWR, such as for smaller beverage packaging or for specific materials.

As specified in the Commission's Guidance Notice<sup>2</sup> on the PPWR, point 24, Member States may, under certain conditions, exempt materials from the reuse targets in the PPWR. For example, if the recycling target for aluminium is exceeded in a Member State, final distributors could be allowed to deduct beverages sold in aluminium cans from the products within the scope of the obligation to sell 10% of the beverages in reusable packaging.

By 1 January 2034, the Commission shall present a report reviewing the implementation of the 2030 targets, also taking into account the evolution of the state of the art of technology and the practical experience gained by economic operators and Member States. In that regard, access to strategic raw materials could also be considered.

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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.

<sup>2</sup> [https://green-forum.ec.europa.eu/packaging-and-packaging-waste-regulation-implementation\\_en](https://green-forum.ec.europa.eu/packaging-and-packaging-waste-regulation-implementation_en).