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Article 8(4) of the Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Directive¹ requires the Commission, in consultation with Member States, to publish guidelines on the criteria for calculating the costs of cleaning up litter caused by these products, and their subsequent transport and treatment. This is part of the SUP Directive's measures aimed at reducing the environmental and health impacts of unsustainable plastic use. The draft guidelines have been developed after discussions with Member States in the Committee for the adaptation to scientific and technical progress and the implementation of the Directive on waste², during meetings held in 2023 and 2024. The Commission is planning the adoption for 2025.

The Commission will evaluate the SUP Directive by 3 July 2027, to assess how well its objectives have been met and the effectiveness of its measures, including their implementation across Member States. Part of this evaluation will focus on assessing the administrative burden for businesses and exploring opportunities for simplification.

The Commission does not have evidence of the same packaging being charged for more than once under parallel recycling schemes but would welcome further evidence on this matter.

¹ Directive (EU) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment, OJ L 155, 12.6.2019, p. 1–19.

² Committee established under Article 39 of Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on waste and repealing certain Directives, OJ L 312, 22.11.2008, p. 3–30, as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May, OJ L 150, 14.6.2018, p. 109–140.