



Soft Drinks Packaging in Japan

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2024 DEVELOPMENTS

Shifting demographic, economic, environmental, and consumer dynamics impact soft drinks packaging
Japan is making a steady push towards circularity in PET bottle recycling and recycled content use
Smaller pack sizes increasingly popular among consumers, to the detriment of the biggest packs

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Shifting consumer trends, sustainability, and economic pressures set to affect soft drinks packaging
Japan set to accelerate PET packaging circularity, with shift towards 50% bottle-to-bottle recycling

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Sustainability and health demands driving a shift towards portion-controlled, paper-based food packaging
Growth of rPET, metal packaging and paper-based alternatives in Japan’s non-alcoholic drinks industry
Convenience, innovation and sustainability drive market shift towards metal cans and bottles in alcoholic drinks packaging
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Refillable, eco-friendly and compact packaging lead home care innovation
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Refillable and reusable packaging solutions from brand owners
Bio-based and recyclable material innovation a new normal
Consumer engagement and eco-labelling continue gaining momentum in Japan

Table 1 - Overview of Packaging Recycling and Recovery in Japan: 2022/2023 and Targets for 2024

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