

Rigid Plastic Packaging in Western Europe

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HDPE bottles losing share to transparent and lighter PET bottles

Thin wall plastic containers losing share in France

Turkey adds the most new sales over 2017-2022

PET bottles makes the most gains in rigid plastic over the review period

TOP APPLICATIONS

Bottled water and carbonates the main drivers of PET bottles growth

Thin wall plastic containers see increasing usage in plant-based yoghurt

HDPE bottles losing share in main category dairy

Main category sweet biscuits continues adding sales over 2017-2022

Plastic screw closures will need to be tethered to the main container from mid-2024

Plastic screw closures the dominant closure type in rigid plastic packaging

Food dominates the smallest sizes, and beverages the bigger sizes

The 301-500ml size band is popular in beverages for its on-the-go portability

Extension of Deposit Return Schemes expected across Western Europe

FORECAST PROJECTIONS

Turkey expected to record the strongest growth over 2022-2027

Schwarzkopf using "Social Plastic" in its hair care packaging

Germany will remain the biggest market

Coca-Cola Germany switches to fully recyclable rPET for its soft drinks packaging

Declines expected in rigid plastic food packaging in France and Germany

Turkey to see the fastest growth over 2022-2027

Turkey will see the fastest growth, but the UK will remain the biggest market

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