

**ACT**

of ... 2025,

**amending the Act on the Management of Packaging and Packaging Waste and the Act  
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Other Acts**

**Article 1.** The Act of 13 June 2013 on the Management of Packaging and Packaging Waste (Journal of Laws of 2025, item 870) shall be amended to read as follows:

1) in Article 21a:

a) Paragraph 2 shall read as follows:

“2. Entities introducing products in beverage packaging referred to in item 3 of Annex 1a to the Act, or entities directly introducing products in beverage packaging, are obliged to achieve selective collection rates for packaging of at least the level specified in item 3 of Annex 1a to the Act, whereby this obligation may be fulfilled within the framework of a deposit-return system established by a representative entity or independently within the framework of a packaging collection system established and maintained by the introducing entity.”,

b) After paragraph 4, there is inserted the following paragraph 4a:

“4a. Where the packaging referred to in item 3 of Annex 1a to this Act is collected by an entity introducing products in beverage packaging or directly introducing products in beverage packaging, as part of a packaging collection system set up and maintained by that entity, the rate of separate collection of packaging in a given calendar year shall be the ratio, expressed as a percentage, between the quantity of packaging of the same type collected by that entity in a given year and the quantity of packaging introduced on the market by that entity in a given year.”;

2) In Article 40h, paragraphs 2a-2c shall be added after paragraph 2 with the following wording:

“2a. In the case of entities introducing products in beverage packaging referred to in item 3 of Annex 1a to the Act, or directly introducing products in beverage packaging, participation in the deposit-return system established by the representative entity is voluntary with regard to products in such packaging until 31 December 2028.

2b. For entities introducing products in beverage packaging referred to in item 3 of Annex 1a to the Act, which have not joined the deposit system established by the representative entity, the provisions concerning entities directly introducing products in beverage packaging shall apply accordingly, with the exception of the provisions concerning the deposit-return system.

2c. The entity introducing products in beverage packaging referred to in paragraph 2b shall be obliged to notify the minister responsible for climate of its intention to independently achieve the selective collection levels for packaging referred to in item 3 of Annex 1a to the Act. The notification shall be submitted within 3 months of the date of the first introduction on the market of products in beverage packaging covered by the deposit collection and return system set up by that entity.”;

3) In Article 44 paragraph 2a shall be added after paragraph 2 reading as follows:

“2a. In the context of a packaging collection system set up and maintained by an entity introducing products in beverage packaging referred to in item 3 of Annex 1a to this Act, an undertaking operating a retail or wholesale trade unit in which beverages in beverage packaging covered by that system are offered to end users is obliged to accept empty packaging from end users for the beverages offered in the unit concerned and to return the amount of money collected, without being required to provide proof of purchase.”.

**Article 2.** In the Act of 13 July 2023 amending the Act on the Management of Packaging and Packaging Waste and Certain Other Acts (Journal of Laws, item 1852 and of 2024, item 1911), paragraph 3 in Article 9 shall have the following wording:

“3. Undertakings which, before the date of entry into force of this Act, have set up and operate a system for collecting the packagings referred to in item 3 of Annex 1a to the Act amended in Article 1 may operate that system in accordance with the existing rules until 31 December 2028. Undertakings referred to in the first sentence intending to continue operating the system in accordance with the existing rules shall notify that intention to the Minister responsible for climate by 31 March 2026.”.

**Article 3.** This Act shall enter into force on the day following its publication.