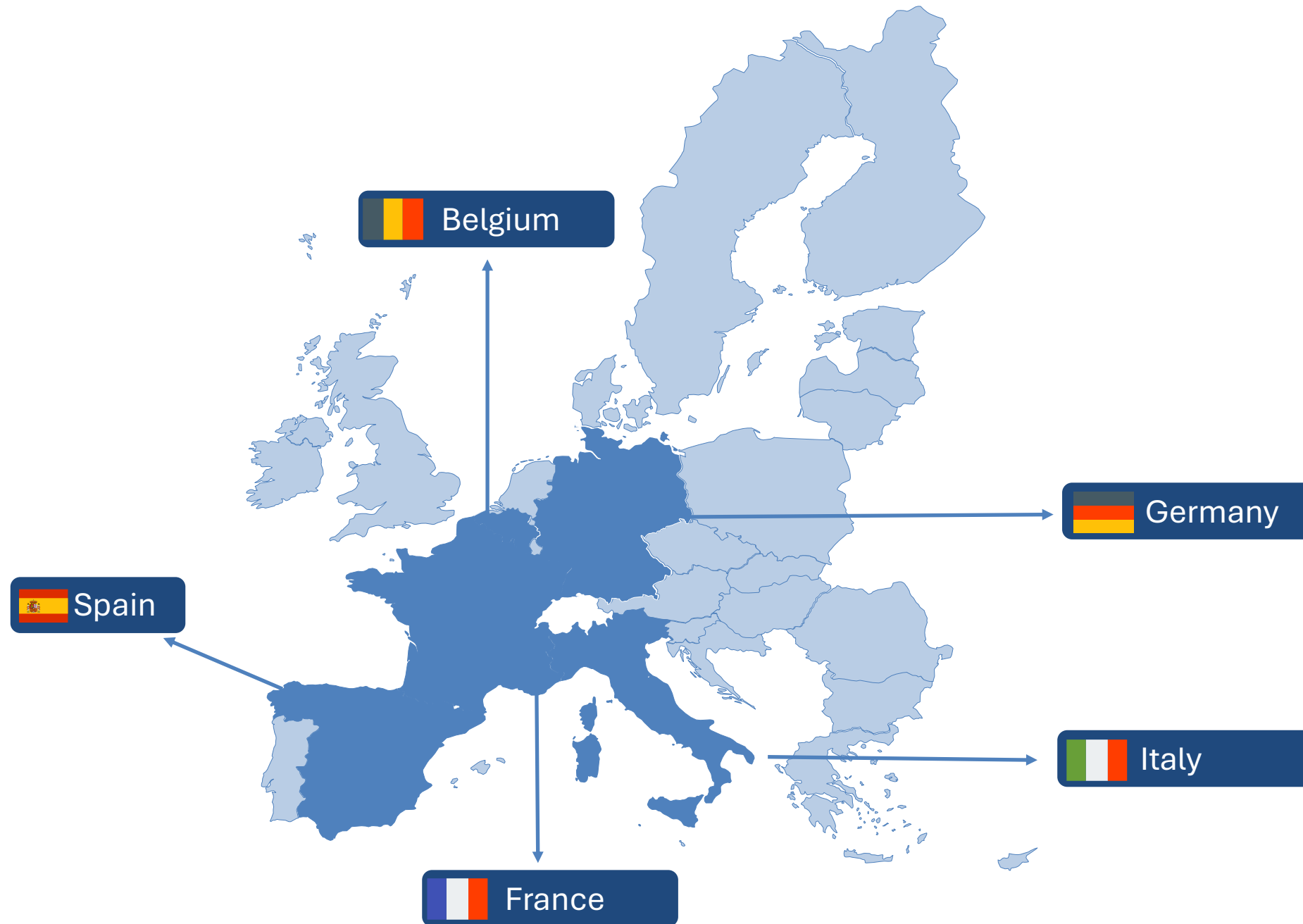


Transposition of Single-Use Plastics Directive (SUPD) in Italy, Spain, France, Belgium and Germany



31 January 2025

Countries overview





Scope

- Products listed in the Annex;
- Products made from oxo-degradable plastic;
- Fishing gear containing plastic
- Products made of biodegradable and compostable materials



Consumption reduction

- Detailed strategy mandating relevant ministries and institutions to enter into agreements and contracts with enterprises, public and private entities and trade associations, aimed at supporting and incentivizing the development of new, more sustainable processes and products.



Placing on the market restriction

- SUP products listed in Annex Part B and products made of oxo-degradable plastic.
- Exemption for products made available before 14 January 2022 until stocks are exhausted.
- Derogation for products made of biodegradable and compostable material with percentages of renewable raw >40 % and, from 1 January 2024, > 60 %, if requirements (a) – (f) are alternatively satisfied.



Product requirements

- Plastic caps and lids on single-use products stay attached to the rest of the product.
- From 2025, obligation for PET beverage bottles listed in Annex Part F to contain at least 25% recycled plastic, and 30% by 2030.



Marking requirements

- Obligation to ensure certain single-use plastics are marked on the packaging or product itself informing consumer about the presence of plastic in the product, waste management option and negative effects of inappropriate means of disposal.
- Exemption for single-use plastic products purchased by a supplier before the obligation has taken effect only until stocks are exhausted.



EPR

- Obligation to establish EPR schemes.
- Their costs shall be covered by the producers of single-use plastics.
- Obligation for waste to be managed through EPR schemes by 31.12.2024 or 05.01.2023 for EPR schemes implemented before 04.07.2018.



Separate collection

Separate collection targets:

- 77% by 2025
- 90% by 2029



Penalties

- Non-compliance with art.5 subject to fines up to €10,000.
- Non-compliance with art.8 subject to fines up to €5,000.



SPAIN



Scope

- Products listed in the Annex;
- Products made from oxo-degradable plastic;
- Fishing gear containing plastic



Consumption reduction

- 55% reduction in weight for single-use plastic products by 2026; 70% by 2030.
- Leaves open the possibility of implementing consumption reductions measures also for additional products for which alternatives to (single-use) plastic exist.



Placing on the market restriction

- SUP products listed in Annex Part B and products made of oxo-degradable plastic.
- Exemption for cotton bud sticks used for health-related reasons
- Scope expanded to intentionally added plastic microspheres of less than 5 millimeters



Product requirements

- Plastic caps and lids on SUP to stay attached to the rest of the product.
- Exception for containers for beverages made of glass or metal with plastic caps and lids; and for containers for beverages for foods for special medical purposes, for infants and young children
- From 2025, obligation for PET beverage bottles listed in Annex Part F to contain at least 25% recycled plastic, and 30% by 2030.



SPAIN



Marking requirements

- Obligation to ensure certain single-use plastics are marked on the packaging or product itself informing consumer about the presence of plastic in the product, waste management option and negative effects of inappropriate means of disposal.



EPR

- Obligation to establish EPR schemes.
- Their costs shall be covered by the producers of single-use plastics.



Separate collection

Separate collection targets:

- 70% by 2023
- 77% by 2025
- 85% by 2027
- 90% by 2029

Obligation to implement DRS if 2023 and 2027 targets not reached. It leaves open the possibility to include additional packaging formats, following the adoption of the PPWR.



Penalties

- Transposed and integrated with requirements related to other parts of the legislation.
- Applicable since January 2023, Spain's Orden HFP/1314/2022 on a tax on single-use plastic packaging complements the wider law.



FRANCE



Scope

- Not transposed, as it lists the concerned products in each disposition.



Consumption reduction

- 20% by 2025, at least half achieved through reuse.
- 5% reused packaging by 2023, and 10% by 2027.
- Obligation to use reusable tableware in fast-food by 2023.
- Ban on non-biodegradable plastic tea bags and plastic toys in menus, plastic confetti, shipment of newspapers, import and manufacturing of SUPD bags, sale of fruit and vegetables wrapped in plastic.
- Medications can be sold individually.
- Consumers can bring their container to stores.
- Pharmacies can sell the exact amount of medication prescribed to a patient instead of boxes of pills.



Placing on the market restriction

- SUP products listed in Annex Part B and products made of oxo-degradable plastic.
- Plastic confetti and steak picks added to the scope.



Product requirements

- No obligation for plastic caps or lids to be attached to the rest of the product.
- From 2025, obligation for PET beverage bottles listed in Annex Part F to contain at least 25% recycled plastic, and 30% by 2030.
- 100% recycled single-use plastic packaging by 01.01.2025.
- Obligation to ensure that SUP packaging introduced to the market is recyclable, does not disrupt sorting or recycling chains, and does not contain substances or elements that limit the use of recycled materials.



FRANCE



Marking requirements

- Obligation to ensure certain single-use plastics are marked on the packaging or product itself informing consumer about the presence of plastic in the product, waste management option and negative effects of inappropriate means of disposal.
- Ban on using the term “biodegradable” on products and packaging.
- Obligation to use the TRIMAN logo from 2022.



EPR

- Obligation to establish EPR schemes.
- Their costs shall be covered by the producers of single-use plastics.
- Obligation for EPR systems to support actors in the reuse sector by contributing 5% of their received contributions.
- Scope extended to professional packaging and tobacco products containing plastics.



Separate collection

Separate collection targets:

- 77% by 2025
- 90% by 2029

A mixed deposit system, including both reuse and recycling, might be put in place in the future.

Establishment of experimental DRS on voluntary territories.



Penalties

- Sanctions are detailed in the AGECL law and relate to each section.



BELGIUM



Scope

- Products listed in the Annex;
- Products made from oxo-degradable plastic;
- Fishing gear excluded.
- Scope extended to plastic bags, except for ultra-light bags and reusable bags, and single-use plastic cups, except for cardboard cups with plastic coating.



Consumption reduction

- No national strategy for reduction but very precise bans.
- Scope extended to lightweight plastic bags, excluding very lightweight plastic bags and single-use plastic beverage cups, excluding cardboard cups with a plastic coating



Placing on the market restriction*

- Prohibits the placing on the market of the single-use plastic products listed in Annex-Part B and of products made from oxo-degradable plastic.



Product requirements

- Plastic caps and lids on single-use products stay attached to the rest of the product.
- From 2025, obligation for PET beverage bottles listed in Annex Part F to contain at least 25% recycled plastic, and 30% by 2030.

*potential ban on single-use plastic packaging around most fruits and vegetables

 **BELGIUM**

Marking requirements

- Obligation to ensure certain single-use plastics are marked on the packaging or product itself informing consumer about the presence of plastic in the product, waste management option and negative effects of inappropriate means of disposal.



EPR

- Not transposed



Separate collection

- Not transposed



Penalties

- Not transposed



GERMANY



Scope

- Article 2 does not have a singular corresponding Article in those texts, but rather its character is reflected in the overall legislation.



Consumption reduction

- As of 2023, obligation for distributors to provide reusable alternatives at no extra charge or unfavourable conditions. These alternatives need to be advertised.
- Exemption for SME with >5 employees.



Placing on the market restriction

- Prohibits the placing on the market of the single-use plastic products listed in Annex-Part B and of products made from oxo-degradable plastic.



Product requirements

- Scope limited to containers with less than 3 litres capacity. Scope excludes glass or metal containers with plastic cups, and containers of food for medical purposes.
- Plastic caps and lids on single-use products stay attached to the rest of the product.
- From 2025, obligation for PET beverage bottles listed in Annex Part F to contain at least 25% recycled plastic, and 30% by 2030.



GERMANY



Marking requirements

- Obligation to ensure certain single-use plastics are marked on the packaging or product itself informing consumer about the presence of plastic in the product, waste management option and negative effects of inappropriate means of disposal.



EPR

- Obligation to establish EPR schemes.
- Established a new fund from 2024 on, paid for by manufacturers, to cover communal cost to clean up single-use plastics (food packaging, beverage cups, foil packaging, light carrier bags, balloons)
- In charge of overseeing its implementation is the Central Agency Packaging Register – ZSVR.



Separate collection

Separate collection targets:

- 77% by 2025
- 90% by 2029






In 2022, DRS has been extended to all single-use drink cartons and plastic bottles with a volume between 0,1 and 3 litres. Exceptions regarding milk and alcohol products existed but have ended in January 2024.




Penalties

- Not compliance with the regulations can be penalized with up to €100,000.
- The states are in charge of monitoring compliance.

Member States comparison

					
Scope	⊕	✓	✓	⊕	✓
Consumption reduction	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Placing on the market restriction	⊕	⊕	⊕	✓	✓
Product requirements	✓	⊕	⊕	✓	⊕
Marking requirements	⊕	✓	⊕	✓	✓
EPR	⊕	✓	⊕	✗	⊕
Separate collection	✓	⊕	⊕	✗	⊕
Penalties	⊕	✓	✗	✗	⊕

 Transposed

 Expanded requirements

 Not transposed