

Government Decree

on the compensation paid to municipalities by producers of certain plastic products for the years 2026–2028

Pursuant to the Government decision, the following is enacted under section 48 d(4) of the Waste Act (646/2011):

Section 1

Scope

This Decree sets out the criteria for determining the compensation payable to municipalities by producers of the products referred to in section 48b of the Waste Act, based on a fixed annual per-capita cost, for measures undertaken to prevent and clean up litter.

Section 2

Fixed annual rate per resident

In 2026, the annual flat rate per resident referred to in section 48b(1) of the Waste Act shall be EUR 4.67 per resident, consisting of:

- 1) the costs of waste collection, transport, and treatment organised to prevent littering (*collection costs*) amount to EUR 2.69 per inhabitant;
- 2) the costs of cleaning up litter and transporting and treating the collected waste (*cleaning costs*) amount to EUR 1.88 per resident;
- 3) the costs of providing information and guidance on single-use plastic products, including filtered tobacco products and cigarette filters, and the waste they generate, amount to EUR 0.1 per resident.

In 2027 and 2028, the annual flat rate per resident under section 48b(1) of the Waste Act shall be EUR 4.77 per resident, consisting of:

- 1) the costs referred to in points 1–3 of subsection 1 remain unchanged from 2026, and
- 2) the costs of providing information and guidance relating to nicotine pouches and the resulting waste at EUR 0.1 per resident.

Section 3

Allocation of collection costs by product group

The collection costs are allocated by product group as follows, and the remaining costs are borne by the municipalities:

Product group	Share of collection costs
Food packaging in the category of single-use plastic products	15.3%
Packaging and wrappers made of flexible material in the category of single-use plastic products	5.6%

Returnable beverage containers with a capacity of up to 3 litres in the category of single-use plastic products	1.2%
Non-returnable beverage containers with a capacity of up to three litres in the category of single-use plastic products	10.3%
Lightweight plastic carrier bags in the category of single-use plastic products	1.8%
Cups for beverages and their caps and lids in the category of single-use plastic products	13.2%
Tobacco products and filters in the category of single-use plastic products	0.3%
Nicotine pouches	0.3%

Section 4

Breakdown of cleaning up costs by product group

The cleaning up costs are divided into product groups as follows, and the remaining costs are borne by the municipalities:

Product group	Share of cleaning up costs
Food packaging in the category of single-use plastic products	4.2%
Packaging and wrappers made of flexible material in the category of single-use plastic products	9.6%
Returnable beverage containers with a capacity of up to 3 litres in the category of single-use plastic products	0.5%
Non-returnable beverage containers with a capacity of up to three litres in the category of single-use plastic products	1.7%
Lightweight plastic carrier bags in the category of single-use plastic products	0.6%
Cups for beverages and their caps and lids in the category of single-use plastic products	4.9%
Tobacco products and filters in the category of single-use plastic products	17.7%
Wet wipes in the category of single-use plastic products	0.8%
Balloons in the category of single-use plastic products	0.2%
Nicotine pouches	3.4%

This Decree enters into force on [date] [month] 20xx.

This Decree repeals the Government Decree on the compensation paid to municipalities by producers of certain plastic products (1320/2022), which, however, shall still apply to the compensation paid by producers to municipalities for the year 2025.

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amending Section 1 and Annexes 1 and 3 of the Government Decree on certain plastic products

By decision of the Government,
Section 1 and Annexes 1 and 3 of the Government Decree on certain plastic products (1318/2022) are *amended* as follows:

Section 1

Scope

This Decree lays down certain requirements concerning specific plastic products, supplementing the Waste Act (646/2011), necessary for the implementation of Directive (EU) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the environmental impact of certain plastic products, as well as requirements concerning nicotine pouches that supplement the Waste Act.

This Decree enters into force on [date] [month] 20xx. However, Annex 1 enters into force on 12 February 2029.

Sections 6, 7 and 9 of the Regulation shall apply to producers of the products referred to in point 4 of Annex 3 from 1 January 2027.

Helsinki day Month 20xx

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Annex 1

Single-use Plastic Products Covered by the Prohibitions on Placing on the Market

- 1) cotton swabs, except where they fall within the scope of Council Directive 90/385/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices, or Council Directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices;
- 2) cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks);
- 3) plates;
- 4) straws, except where they fall within the scope of Council Directive 90/385/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to active implantable medical devices, or Directive 93/42/EEC on medical devices;
- 5) stirrers for beverages;
- 6) sticks to be attached to and to support balloons, except balloons for industrial or other professional uses and applications that are not distributed to consumers, including the mechanisms of such sticks;
- 7) food containers made of expanded (EPS) or extruded (XPS) polystyrene, i.e., dishes such as lidded and non-lidded trays, used to hold food products that:
 - a) are intended for immediate consumption, either on-the-spot or take-away,
 - b) are typically consumed from the tray, and
 - c) are ready to be consumed without cooking, boiling or heating, or any other further preparation;
- 8) drink containers made of expanded (EPS) or extruded (XPS) polystyrene, including their caps and lids; and
- 9) drinking cups made of expanded (EPS) or extruded (XPS) polystyrene, including their caps and lids.
- 10) Shrink wrap used at airports or railway stations to protect luggage during transport.
- 11) Polystyrene chips and other plastics used to protect packaged goods during transport and handling.
- 12) Plastic rings for multipacks used for packaging and packaging waste, as referred to in point 6 of Article 3(1) of Regulation (EU) 2025/40, which amends Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and Directive (EU) 2019/904 and repeals Directive 94/62/EC.

Drink containers and the packages referred to in point 2 of Annex 1 of the Waste Act are not considered food packaging for the purposes of point 7 above.

Annex 3

Products covered by Sections 6, 7 and 9-12:

- 1) filtered tobacco products and cigarette filters in the category of single-use plastic products,
- 2) wet wipes intended for personal hygiene and consumer use in the category of single-use plastic products,
- 3) balloons intended for consumer use in the category of single-use plastic products,
- 4) nicotine pouches.