

PPWR deadline plan 2026 to 2040

All deadlines of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 for purchasing, packaging development and compliance: the timeline, the fixed dates, the movable dates with their trigger and the roadmap per role. Movable dates apply at the earliest and shift with the respective Commission act. As at 18 September 2026.

1. Fixed dates for economic operators

Date	What applies	Basis
12 Aug 2026	Application: substance limits incl. PFAS without sell-off period, conformity assessment, technical documentation, EU declaration of conformity, obligations of all economic operators, reuse systems, misleading labels ban	Art. 5, 11, 12(8), 15 to 22, 26, 39 to 43, 71
12 Feb 2027	EPR symbols (e.g. Green Dot) digital only in QR code or other data carrier; take-away: customers' own containers at the same price	Art. 12(9), Art. 32
12 Feb 2028	Compostability for tea bags, coffee pods, fruit stickers; other biodegradable packaging designed for recycling; reusable offer in take-away (except micro-enterprises)	Art. 9, Art. 33
12 Aug 2028	End of material codes under Decision 97/129/EC (PAP 20, PET 1 etc.)	Art. 70(2)
1 Jan 2030	Packaging minimisation under Annex IV; format bans under Annex V (fruit and vegetables under 1.5 kg, on-site consumption, portion packs, hotel toiletries, very lightweight bags, shrink film around multipacks)	Art. 10, Art. 25
1 Jan 2038	Only grades A and B (at least 80 %)	Art. 6(3)
1 Jan 2040	Recycled content 50 % contact-sensitive PET, 25 % other contact-sensitive, 65 % beverage bottles, 65 % other plastic packaging	Art. 7(2)

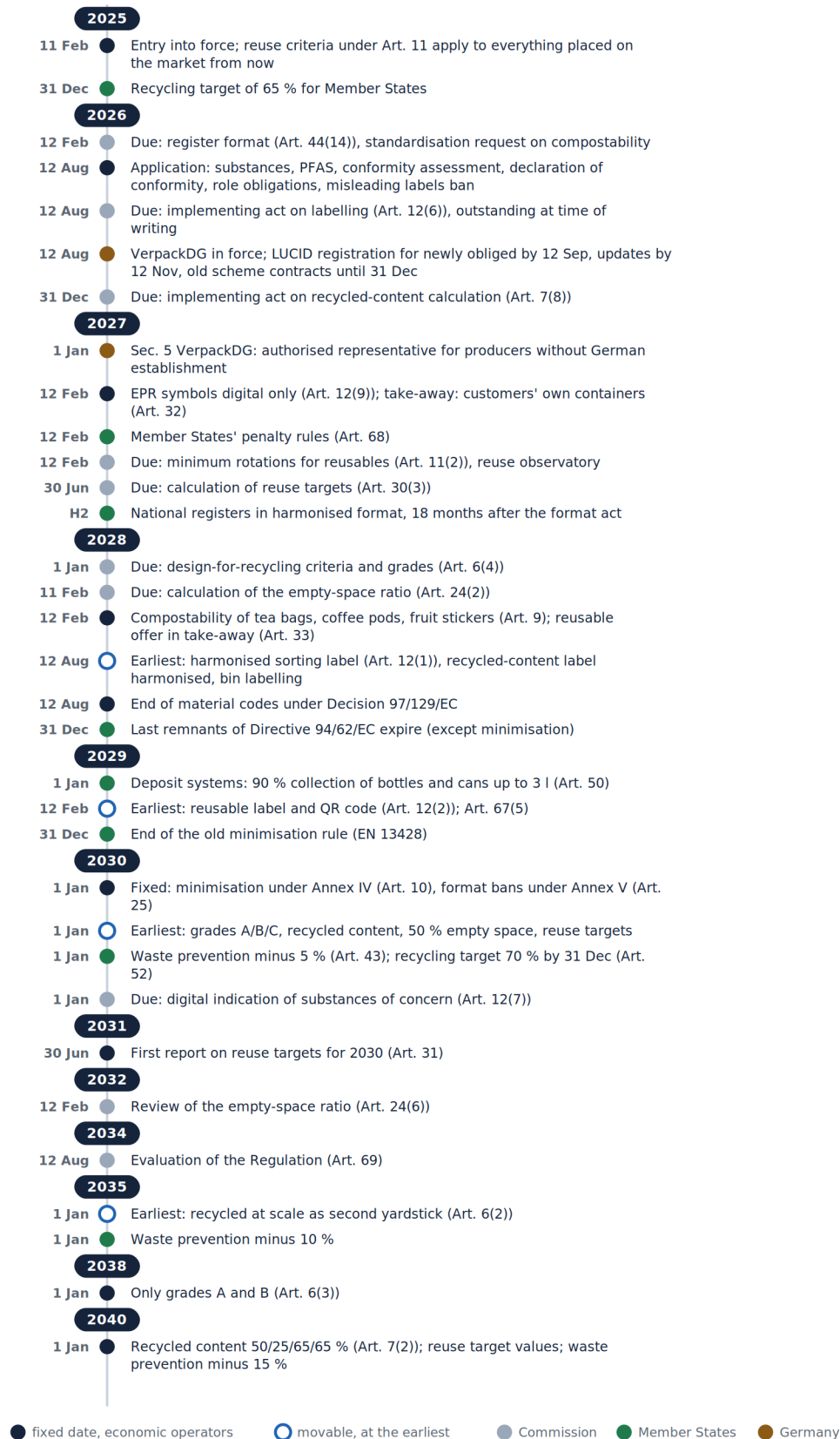
Dates in Germany (VerpackDG)

Date	What applies
12 Aug 2026	VerpackDG in force, VerpackG repealed; existing LUCID registrations continue; fines under Sec. 66
12 Sep 2026	Registration for producers obliged for the first time under the new law
12 Nov 2026	Update of existing registrations with the new data
31 Dec 2026	Latest end of scheme participation contracts under the old law
1 Jan 2027	Sec. 5: authorised representative for producers without German establishment, written mandate in German, registration remains personal

2. Timeline 2025 to 2040

Forty dates, three addressees

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Source: Regulation (EU) 2025/40, Art. 5 to 13, 24, 25, 29 to 33, 43, 44, 50, 52, 68 to 71; VerpackDG Sec. 5, 68. polygon-one.com

3. Movable dates and their trigger

Formula of the Regulation: from the date or from X months after entry into force of the act, whichever is later. The dates can only move backwards.

Requirement	Earliest	Trigger	Act due
Harmonised sorting label; recycled-content label harmonised	12 Aug 2028	24 months after implementing act (Art. 12(6))	12 Aug 2026, outstanding
Bin labelling	12 Aug 2028	30 months after implementing act (Art. 13)	12 Aug 2026, outstanding
Reusable label and QR code	12 Feb 2029	30 months after implementing act (Art. 12(6))	12 Aug 2026, outstanding
Recyclability grades A/B/C	1 Jan 2030	24 months after delegated acts (Art. 6(4))	1 Jan 2028
Minimum recycled content stage 1	1 Jan 2030	3 years after implementing act (Art. 7(8))	31 Dec 2026
Empty space max. 50 %	1 Jan 2030	3 years after implementing act (Art. 24(2))	11 Feb 2028
Reuse targets	1 Jan 2030	18 months after implementing act (Art. 30(3))	30 Jun 2027
Recycled at scale	1 Jan 2035	5 years after implementing acts (Art. 6(5))	by 2030
National registers in harmonised format	H2 2027	18 months after implementing act (Art. 44(1) and (14))	12 Feb 2026
Fee modulation by grade	approx. 2029/2030	18 months after delegated acts on recyclability (Art. 6(8))	1 Jan 2028

Member State deadlines

Date	Member State obligation
31 Dec 2025	Recycling target 65 % of all packaging waste (Art. 52)
12 Feb 2027	Adopt and notify penalty rules (Art. 68)
1 Jan 2029	Deposit systems: 90 % collection of plastic bottles and metal cans up to 3 l (Art. 50)
2030 / 2035 / 2040	Packaging waste per capita minus 5 / 10 / 15 % against 2018 (Art. 43)
31 Dec 2030	Recycling target 70 %, paper and cardboard 85 % (Art. 52)

