

European commission ‘non-paper’ guidance on single use plastic definitions

Type of wrapper	Criteria
<p data-bbox="236 315 762 387">Small portions (less than 150 grams) of sweets and biscuits sold by single unit</p> 	<ul data-bbox="868 344 1385 506" style="list-style-type: none"> • “flexible material” • containing food for “immediate consumption” from the packet or wrapper • ready to be consumed “without further preparation” <p data-bbox="868 546 1050 582">⇒ wrapper</p>
<p data-bbox="373 972 625 1008">Sandwich wrapper</p> 	<ul data-bbox="868 972 1385 1133" style="list-style-type: none"> • “flexible material” • containing food for “immediate consumption” from the packet or wrapper • ready to be consumed “without further preparation” <p data-bbox="868 1173 1050 1209">⇒ wrapper</p>
<p data-bbox="236 1406 762 1478">Small portions of frozen food sold by a single unit</p> 	<ul data-bbox="868 1435 1385 1597" style="list-style-type: none"> • “flexible material” • containing food for “immediate consumption” from the packet or wrapper • ready to be consumed “without further preparation” <p data-bbox="868 1637 1050 1673">⇒ wrapper</p>

Type of packet

Small portions (less than 150 grams) of biscuits, nuts, crisps, chips, popcorn and sweets sold by single unit



- “flexible material”
- containing food for “**immediate consumption**” from the packet or wrapper
- ready to be consumed “**without further preparation**”

⇒ **packet**

Larger quantities of bakery goods, biscuits and sweets in one packet (more than 150 grams)



- “flexible material”
- containing food but not for “**immediate consumption**” from the packet or wrapper
- Ready to be consumed “**without further preparation**”

⇒ **no packet**

Small portions - individually packed - of bakery goods, sweets, frozen food and chewing gum sold in more than one unit, regardless of the receptacle in which they are sold



- “flexible material” containing food
- for “immediate consumption” from the packet or wrapper
- ready to be consumed “without further preparation”

⇒ packet

Larger quantities of fresh food in one packet



2 situations:

1) without further cutting/slicing or conditioning

- “flexible material”
- containing food but not for “**immediate consumption**” from the packet or wrapper
- ready to be consumed “**without further preparation**”

⇒ **no packet**

2) further cutting/slicing or conditioning needed

- “flexible material” containing food
- containing food but not for “**immediate consumption**” from the packet or wrapper
- Not ready to be consumed “**without further preparation**”




⇒ **no packet**






Small portions of fresh foods – individually packed - , sold in more than one unit



- “flexible material” containing food
- Not for “**immediate consumption**” from the packet or wrapper
- Ready to be consumed “**without further preparation**”

⇒ **no packet**

Type of beverage container	
<p data-bbox="225 237 826 309">Plastic bottles for water with detachable and attached plastic lid</p> 	<p data-bbox="874 237 997 259">2 situations:</p> <p data-bbox="874 293 1093 315">1) When less than 2 L:</p> <ul data-bbox="922 353 1289 409" style="list-style-type: none"> • receptacle used to contain liquid • likely to be littered <p data-bbox="922 477 1273 510">⇒ beverage container</p> <p data-bbox="922 521 1225 555">⇒ beverage bottle</p> <p data-bbox="874 607 1114 629">2) When more than 2 L:</p> <ul data-bbox="922 667 1289 723" style="list-style-type: none"> • receptacle used to contain liquid • less likely to be littered <p data-bbox="922 790 1321 824">⇒ no beverage container</p> <p data-bbox="922 835 1265 869">⇒ no beverage bottle</p>
<p data-bbox="217 896 834 1008">Plastic bottles for juices and energy, alcoholic, soft, milk and mixed milk drinks with detachable and attached plastic lid</p> 	<p data-bbox="874 896 997 918">2 situations:</p> <p data-bbox="874 952 1093 974">1) When less than 2 L:</p> <ul data-bbox="922 1012 1289 1068" style="list-style-type: none"> • receptacle used to contain liquid • likely to be littered <p data-bbox="922 1135 1273 1169">⇒ beverage container</p> <p data-bbox="922 1180 1225 1214">⇒ beverage bottle</p> <p data-bbox="874 1265 1114 1288">2) When more than 2 L:</p> <ul data-bbox="922 1326 1289 1382" style="list-style-type: none"> • receptacle used to contain liquid • less likely to be littered <p data-bbox="922 1449 1321 1527">⇒ no beverage container ⇒ no beverage bottle</p>
<p data-bbox="233 1554 818 1626">1-person portions juice pouches with plastic layer</p> 	<ul data-bbox="922 1554 1401 1644" style="list-style-type: none"> • receptacle used to contain liquid • Not conceived for multiple trips or rotations <p data-bbox="922 1722 1273 1756">⇒ beverage container</p> <p data-bbox="922 1767 1265 1800">⇒ no beverage bottle</p>
<p data-bbox="276 1888 775 1960">1-person portion cardboard beverage containers with plastic inner lining</p>	<ul data-bbox="922 1888 1401 1977" style="list-style-type: none"> • receptacle used to contain liquid • Not conceived for multiple trips or rotations

	<p>⇒ beverage container ⇒ no beverage bottle</p>
<p>More than 1-person size quantity cardboard beverage containers with plastic inner lining</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> receptacle used to contain liquid <p>⇒ beverage container ⇒ no beverage bottle</p>
<p>Beverage containers containing concentrates</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussion on the inclusion/exclusion of metal/glass bottles/containers
<p>Instant beverages</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not a receptacle used to contain liquid <p>⇒ no beverage container ⇒ no beverage bottle</p>
<p>Glass bottles for water with detachable plastic lid</p> 	<p>* Ongoing discussion on exemption of glass bottles</p>

<p>Glass bottles for juices and soft drinks with detachable plastic lid</p> 	<p>* Ongoing discussion on exemption of glass bottles</p>
<p>Glass bottles for alcoholic beverage with plastic cork/cap</p> 	<p>* Ongoing discussion on exemption of glass bottles</p>
<p>Aluminium can with plastic lining/coating</p> 	<p>* Ongoing discussion on inclusion/exemption for metal beverage containers</p>
<p>Cups for beverages</p>	
<p>Plastic cups for cold beverages</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> receptacle used to contain liquid <p>⇒ beverage cup</p>
<p>Beverage cups sold in supermarkets</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> receptacle used to contain liquid <p>⇒ beverage cup</p>

Cardboard beverage cups with plastic inner lining/coating for both hot and cold beverages



- receptacle used to contain liquid

⇒ **beverage cup**

Styrofoam drink cups for both hot and cold beverages



- receptacle used to contain liquid

⇒ **beverage cup**