Transport packaging: reuse of pallet wrappings and straps

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Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2026/429 on supplementing Regulation (EU) 2025/40 by exempting certain economic operators that use pallet wrappings and straps from the 100 % reuse requirements of these packaging formats

What is changing and why?

The Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR, Regulation 2025/40) requires that certain transport packaging – pallets, foldable plastic boxes, boxes, trays, plastic crates, intermediate bulk containers, pails, drums and canisters of any size or material including flexible formats, pallet wrappings or straps for stabilisation and protection of products put on pallets during transport – must be 40% reusable from **1 January 2030.**

This target is increased to 100% reusable for operators transporting products:

- between the sites of their company or linked companies within the European Union (EU)
- within the same EU Member State.

The EU has now removed the requirement for pallet wrappings and straps to be fully reusable, because it would require technologies that are not yet developed, as well as significant financial investment. However, operators using pallet wrappings and straps must still ensure a 40% reuse of this type of transport packaging.

By 30 June 2027, the Commission will develop a methodology for the calculation of these re-use targets.

Timeline

This decision exempting pallet wrappings and straps from the 100% reuse target applies from **26 May 2026**.

The PPWR requirements for transport packaging will apply from **1 January 2030**.

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