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Dairy Packaging in South Africa

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2024 DEVELOPMENTS

Dairy packaging volumes decline in South Africa due to consolidation and cost pressures

More sustainable packaging solutions are introduced

Dominance of brick liquid cartons for milk, and shift toward sustainable packaging in South Africa

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Dairy packaging volumes anticipated to decline further due to high inflation and decreased demand

Dairy packaging in South Africa will adapt to declining demand with smaller, more sustainable, and consumer-centric innovations

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Dairy Packaging in South Africa - Company Profiles

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Packaging in 2024: The big picture

Evolving packaging shift towards value and everyday convenience

Smaller, single-serve packaging trends across multiple food categories in South Africa

PET dominance and HDPE growth shape South Africa's beverage packaging in 2024

Rising preference for metal beverage cans in alcoholic drinks

Premium sustainability through in-mould labelling in beauty packaging

HDPE bottles and larger pack sizes shape home care packaging

Flexible packaging focuses on convenience through resealable pouches

PACKAGING LEGISLATION

Strengthening Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations

Mandatory Deposit Return System (DRS) proposed for beverage containers in South Africa

RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Expansion of circular economy and recycling infrastructure

Tackling plastic pollution through collaborative action

Table 1 - Overview of Packaging Recycling and Recovery in South Africa: 2022/2023 and Targets for 2024

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