



Processed Meat and Seafood Packaging in Japan

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KEY DATA FINDINGS

2024 DEVELOPMENTS

Overall packaging volumes decline but folding cartons stand out with growth driven by smaller, convenient packs
Bio-based and recyclable packaging gains traction with sustainable materials and mid-sized packs in Japan
Growth of thin wall plastic containers driven by convenience and product protection

PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Processed meat and seafood packaging volumes set to further decline due to ageing population, shrinking demand, and supply constraints
Rising demand for plastic pouches and smaller 20g and 60g packs amid supply challenges and fragmented competition

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Packaging in 2024: The big picture

2024 KEY TRENDS

Sustainability and health demands driving a shift towards portion-controlled, paper-based food packaging
Growth of rPET, metal packaging and paper-based alternatives in Japan’s non-alcoholic drinks industry
Convenience, innovation and sustainability drive market shift towards metal cans and bottles in alcoholic drinks packaging
Sustainable packaging innovation and regulatory leadership
Refillable, eco-friendly and compact packaging lead home care innovation
Rise of flexible, eco-friendly and user-friendly formats in Japan

PACKAGING LEGISLATION

Regulatory pressure accelerates sustainable packaging innovation
Impact on manufacturers and cost pass-through to consumers
Reverse vending initiatives open new horizon for cleaner Japan

RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Refillable and reusable packaging solutions from brand owners
Bio-based and recyclable material innovation a new normal
Consumer engagement and eco-labelling continue gaining momentum in Japan

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

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