



# Targeted amendment of the Waste Framework Directive Food waste part

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# Agreement, publication and implementation

## Agreement

- Trilogue finalised on 18-19 February 2025
- Text of agreement adopted by ENVI Committee of European Parliament and by Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Council (March 2025)

## Next Steps

- Formal adoption by Council - expected late June/early July
- Plenary voting in European Parliament – forecasted for 6 October
- Publication (usually within 1 month)
- Entry into force – 20 days after publication
- Member States have 24 months to adapt national legislation

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# Text of provisional agreement - food waste part

	<b>Article 9a</b>	<b>Prevention of food waste generation</b> (1) General provisions (2-3) Monitoring (same provisions as in 2018) Targets (4) Target levels (5-6) Earlier baseline considerations, tourism correction factor (7) Revision clause
	<b>Article 29a</b>	<b>Food waste prevention programmes</b> (1) Review of FWPP (2) Designation of competent authority

# General provisions (I)

## Article 9a - Prevention of food waste generation

1. *Member States shall take appropriate measures to prevent generation of food waste in primary production, in processing and manufacturing, in retail and other distribution of food, in restaurants and food services as well as in households. Those measures shall include the following:*

*(a) developing and supporting behavioural change interventions to reduce food waste, and information campaigns to raise awareness about food waste prevention;*

*(b) identifying and addressing inefficiencies in the functioning of the food supply chain and support cooperation amongst all actors, while ensuring a fair distribution of costs and benefits of prevention measures;*

*(c) encouraging food donation and other redistribution for human consumption, prioritising human use over animal feed and the reprocessing into non-food products;*

*(d) supporting training and skills development as well as facilitating access to funding opportunities, in particular for small and medium sized enterprises and social economy entities.*

*(da) without prejudice to the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation, and in particular Article 6 thereof, encouraging and promoting innovation and technological solutions which contribute to the prevention of food waste.*

## General provisions (II)

*Member States shall ensure that all relevant actors in the supply chain are involved proportionately to their capacity and role in preventing the generation of food waste along the food supply chain, with a specific focus on preventing disproportionate impact on small and medium sized enterprises. Member States shall, after consulting with food banks and other food redistribution organisations, take measures, where appropriate on the basis of any existing national food donation system, to ensure that economic operators having a significant role in the prevention and generation of food waste as identified by the Member States propose donation agreements to food banks and other food redistribution organisations so as to facilitate the donation of unsold food that is safe for human consumption, and at reasonable costs for the economic operators.*

# Monitoring

2. Member States shall monitor and assess the implementation of their food waste prevention measures, including compliance with the food waste reduction targets referred to in paragraph 4, by measuring the levels of food waste on the basis of the methodology established in accordance with paragraph 3.

3. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 38a to supplement this Directive as regards laying down a common methodology and minimum quality requirements for the uniform measurement of food waste levels.

# Targets

4. Member States shall take the necessary and appropriate measures to achieve, by 31 December 2030, the following food waste reduction targets at national level:

- (a) reduce the generation of food waste in **processing and manufacturing by 10 %** in comparison to the amount generated as an annual average between 2021 and 2023;
- (b) reduce the generation of food waste per capita, **jointly in retail and other distribution of food, in restaurants and food services and in households, by 30 %** in comparison to the amount generated as an annual average between 2021 and 2023;

# Earlier baseline for the targets

5. Where a Member State can provide data for a **reference year prior to 2021**, which have been collected using methods set out in the Commission Delegated Decision (EU) 2019/1597 or, for years before 2020, methods comparable to the methodology and minimum quality requirements for the uniform measurement of levels of food waste as set out therein, an earlier reference year may be used. **The Member State shall notify the Commission and the other Member States** of its intention to use an earlier reference year **within 18 months** of the entry into force of this Directive and shall provide the Commission with the data and measurement methods used to collect them and make them publicly available

6. When the Commission considers that the **data** related to a reference year prior to 2020 **do not comply** with the conditions set out in paragraph 5, it shall, within 6 months of the receipt of a notification made in accordance with paragraph 5, adopt **a decision requesting the Member State** to either use 2020 or a year **other** than that proposed by the Member State as reference year.

# Tourism correction factor

*5a. In order to support Member States in achieving the food waste reduction targets of paragraph 4(b), by [24 months from the date of entry into force of this Directive], the Commission by means of implementing acts, shall adopt a correction factor to account for the increase or decrease in tourism in relation to the reference year. This implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 39(2) of this Directive*

# Revision clause

*7. By 31 December 2027, the Commission shall review the targets to be reached by 2030, laid down in paragraph 4, with a view, if appropriate, to modify and/or extend them to other stages of the food supply chain, and to consider setting new targets beyond 2030.*

*This review shall include:*

- a) an assessment of the extent and causes of food waste and losses in primary production and an identification and an assessment of feasibility of appropriate levers to reduce such waste and losses;*
- b) an assessment of the possibility to introduce legally binding targets with respect to Article 9a(4), points (a) and (b) to be reached by 2035; and*
- c) an assessment of the impact of changes in production levels on the achievability of food waste reduction targets with respect to Article 9a(4), point (a).*

*To that end, the Commission shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council, accompanied, if appropriate, by a legislative proposal.*

# Cooperation mechanism

*7a. Member States shall coordinate their actions to prevent food waste and share best practices, including through the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste.'*

# Food waste prevention programmes

## Article 29a - Food waste prevention programmes

1. Member States shall *evaluate and adapt their food waste prevention programmes*, with a view of attaining the targets provided for in Article 9a(4). Those programmes shall at least contain the measures laid down in Article 9(1) and 9a(1) and, where relevant, the measures listed in Annexes IV and IVa and shall be communicated to the Commission by [P.O. insert date of *two years after entry into force* of this amending Directive].
2. Each Member State shall *designate the competent authorities responsible for the coordination* of the food waste reduction measures referred to in Article 9a(1) implemented in order to reach the target set out in Article 9a(4) and inform accordingly the Commission by [P.O. insert the date of *within three months after the entry into force* of this amending Directive]. The Commission shall subsequently publish that information on the relevant EU website. ’;

# Early warning mechanism

## Article 11b – early warning mechanism

1. *The Commission shall, in cooperation with the European Environment Agency, draw up reports on the progress towards the attainment of the targets laid down in Article 9a(4), Article 11(2), points (c), (d), and (e), and Article 11 (3) at the latest three years before each deadline laid down therein.'*

# Reporting clarification

*in Article 37, a new paragraph 5a is added:*

*5a. Member States shall make the **quality check reports** related to Article 9(5) **publicly available**, after evaluating whether the disclosure would undermine the protection confidential business information.*

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