



Norway's New Food Waste Act

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Background

- UN Sustainable Development Goal 12.3
- Industry agreement on reducing food waste from 2017
 - Reducing the amount of edible food waste with 50 % from 2015 to 2030
 - Only 9,5 % by 2020...
- Parliamentary Resolution from 2017 – food waste law
- Food Waste Committee
 - Set up in February 2023, report delivered in January 2024
- Food Waste Act passed by parliament 2nd June 2025



Purpose and scope of the Act

- *«The purpose of the Act is to promote better resource utilization in the food value chain by preventing and stopping food from leaving the value chain.»*
- Scope of the Act
 - Public and private enterprises
 - Producing, placing on the market, including distribution, selling or serving food
 - Does not include consumers / private households



Due diligence assessments and measures - § 4

- Duty to carry out and report due diligence assessments and measures in order to prevent and reduce food waste
- The whole value chain – production and placing on the market, including distribution and serving food whether free of charge or not
- Smaller business operators exempted
- Performed regularly
- Scope will depend on the size, risk and nature of the business



Measures to donate surplus food § 5

- Producing and placing on the market of food, except businesses that sell or serve food to consumers
- Includes food manufacturing and wholesalers,
- Does not include grocery stores, kiosks, gas stations, service shops, catering
- Where it is proportionate based on *"the nature and size of the business, transport options and available receivers"*
 - Lower limit
 - Geographical conditions
 - Available receivers



Measures for price reduction and active marketing of foods with short durability § 6

- Placing on the market to consumers
 - Retailers
 - Kiosk, gas stations and service shops
 - No detailed regulation – implement measures
- Combine measures for price reduction with active marketing



Administrative provisions, sanctions

- Competent authority (Norwegian Food Safety Authority)
- Compulsory fine and infringement fee
- But not penalties



Further work

- Need for regulations supplementing the law
- Proposals for regulations shall be prepared on the definition of food waste and supplementary provisions and limitations on due diligence assessments, measures and reporting, on donation and, on price reduction.
- Entry into force together with the regulations (during 2026).

