

Spain will ban the sale of fruit and vegetables in plastic containers from 2023 and force the sale of beverages in reusable containers in all retail establishments.

The [Ministry for the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge](#) is reportedly preparing a royal decree to regulate packaging and waste that will state that by 2023 it will be forbidden to sell fruits and vegetables in plastic containers and that beverages are to be offered in reusable containers in all retail establishments.

The larger retailers must offer up to seven different types of packaging and dedicate part of their space to bulk sales so that consumers will be able to store goods in their own bags or containers, bottles included.

The measures, focused on the reuse of packaging and recycling, will impact consumers in Spain mainly in these two aspects. In the case of retailers, in addition to the relevant changes in recycling, they will have to set up zones and inventory to meet these demands, while manufacturers will have to work out how to increase the percentage of recycled plastic.

According to the proposed decree, from 2023 there will be less and less of this material (plastic) in supermarkets.