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German Cabinet to ban single-use plastic products

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Germany announced^[1] June 24 that it would be issuing a law banning single-use plastic products, effective July 2021, to bring the country in line with a similar European Union (EU) directive^[2] that went into effect June 2019. The EU directive sets forth a timeline for the removal of single-use plastics from the EU market, as well as staggered goals for recycling plastics that stretch into 2030. The German law, which has not yet been finalized nor released to the public, will mirror some of these requirements, but may also include language specific to the German market.

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