

Translation from Finnish

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Ministry of the Environment, Finland

Government Decree on Reimbursements Paid to Municipalities by Producers of Certain Plastic Products in 2026–2028

(512/2026)

By decision of the Government, the following is enacted under section 48d, subsections 4 and 5 of the Waste Act (646/2011), as amended by Act 1402/2025:

Section 1

Scope of application

This Decree lays down provisions on the criteria for determining the reimbursements based on the fixed annual cost per resident paid by the producers of products referred to in section 48b of the Waste Act (646/2011) to municipalities for measures taken to prevent littering and clean up litter.

Section 2

Fixed annual cost per resident

In 2026 the fixed annual cost per resident referred to in section 48b, subsection 1 of the Waste Act 1 is EUR 4.67 per resident, of which:

- 1) the costs of the collection, transport and treatment of waste organised to prevent littering (*collection costs*) are EUR 2.69 per resident;
- 2) the costs of the cleaning up of litter and the transport and treatment of the cleaned-up litter (*cleaning-up costs*) are EUR 1.88 per resident.
- 3) the costs of information and advice related to tobacco products with filters and tobacco filters belonging to single-use plastic products and waste generated from these are EUR 0.1 per resident.

In 2027 and 2028 the fixed annual cost per resident referred to in section 48b, subsection 1 of the Waste Act is EUR 4.77 per resident, of which:

- 1) the costs referred to in paragraphs 1–3 are the same as in 2026;
- 2) the costs of information and advice related to nicotine pouches and waste generated from these are EUR 0.1 per resident.

Section 3

Allocation of collection costs by product group

The collection costs are allocated by product group as follows and the remaining costs are paid by the municipalities:

Product group	Percentage of the collection costs
Food containers included in single-use plastic products	15.3 per cent
Packets and wrappers made from flexible material included in single-use plastic products	5.6 per cent
Deposit-bearing beverage containers with a capacity of up to three litres included in single-use plastic products	1.2 per cent
Non-deposit-bearing beverage containers with a capacity of up to three litres included in single-use plastic products	10.3 per cent
Lightweight plastic carrier bags included in single-use plastic products	1.8 per cent
Cups for beverages and their covers and lids included in single-use plastic products	13.2 per cent
Tobacco products and filters included in single-use plastic products	0.3 per cent
Nicotine pouches	0.3 per cent

Section 4

Allocation of cleaning-up costs by product group

The cleaning-up costs are allocated by product group as follows and the remaining costs are paid by the municipalities:

Product group	Percentage of the cleaning-up costs
Food containers included in single-use plastic products	4.2 per cent

Packets and wrappers made from flexible material included in single-use plastic products	9.6 per cent
Deposit-bearing beverage containers with a capacity of up to three litres included in single-use plastic products	0.5 per cent
Non-deposit-bearing beverage containers with a capacity of up to three litres included in single-use plastic products	1.7 per cent
Lightweight plastic carrier bags included in single-use plastic products	0.6 per cent
Cups for beverages and their covers and lids included in single-use plastic products	4.9 per cent
Tobacco products and filters included in single-use plastic products	17.7 per cent
Wet wipes included in single-use plastic products	0.8 per cent
Balloons included in single-use plastic products	0.2 per cent
Nicotine pouches	3.4 per cent

Section 5

Entry into force and application

This Decree enters into force on 22 June 2026.

This Decree repeals the Government Decree on Reimbursements Paid to Municipalities by Producers of Certain Plastic Products (1320), which shall, however, still apply to reimbursements paid to municipalities by the producers with respect to 2025.