



# Meals and Soups Packaging in China

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### KEY DATA FINDINGS

#### 2022 DEVELOPMENTS

COVID-19 boosts home-cooking occasions  
Convenience driving sales of meals and soups  
Premiumisation in frozen ready meals boosting folding carton sales

#### PROSPECTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Plastic pouches will see dynamic forecast period growth  
China's excessive packaging regulations will affect board tubs and composite containers

## Meals and Soups Packaging in China - Company Profiles

## Packaging Industry in China - Industry Overview

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Packaging in 2022: The big picture  
2022 key trends  
Large pack sizes are preferred in sauces, dips and condiments packaging in China  
PET bottles are the preferred pack type in non-alcoholic drinks packaging  
Metal beverage cans are the dominant pack type in alcoholic drinks packaging  
New materials are being used to create eco-friendly packaging in China in 2022  
Chinese consumers are leaning towards more convenient forms of packaging

### PACKAGING LEGISLATION

New legislation on Labelling of Pre-Packaged Special Dietary Foods in China  
SAMR set to enforce new provisions to reduce excessive packaging from 2023  
China bans non-degradable plastic bags

### RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

China emphasises the importance of the need for standardised recycling  
Chinese government sets targets to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060  
Unilever and Alibaba group introduce a closed-loop plastic recycling system  
**Table 1** - Overview of Packaging Recycling and Recovery in China: 2020/2021 and Targets for 2022

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