

Packaging Industry in China

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Chinese government sets targets to achieve carbon neutrality by 2060

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Table 1 - Overview of Packaging Recycling and Recovery in China: 2020/2021 and Targets for 2022

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