

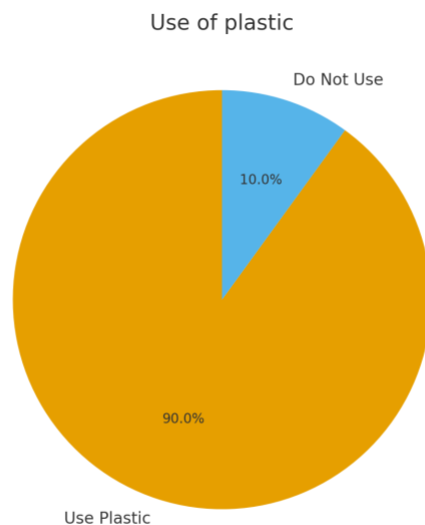
Results of a survey of food establishments and supermarket owners regarding the use of plastic containers

The survey was conducted on the initiative of the Chemical Safety Agency NGO as part of the UNEP project “Information and awareness-raising activities on the prevention, minimization, and recycling of plastic waste in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.”

Twenty respondents took part in the survey.

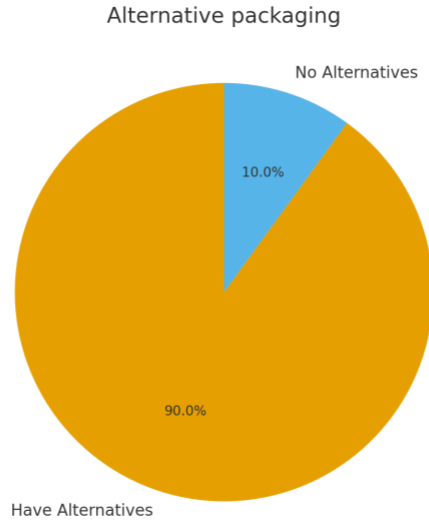
## Use of plastic

- 18 establishments use plastic packaging or disposable plastic.
- 2 establishments do not use plastic.



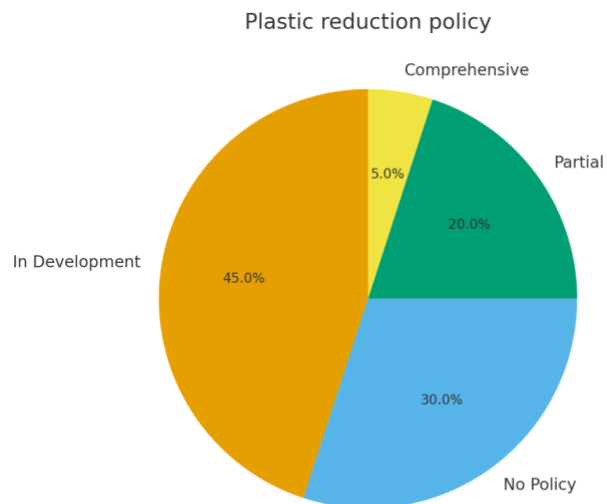
## Alternative packaging

- 18 establishments have alternatives (paper bags, cardboard, glass, etc.).
- 2 establishments do not use alternative types of packaging.



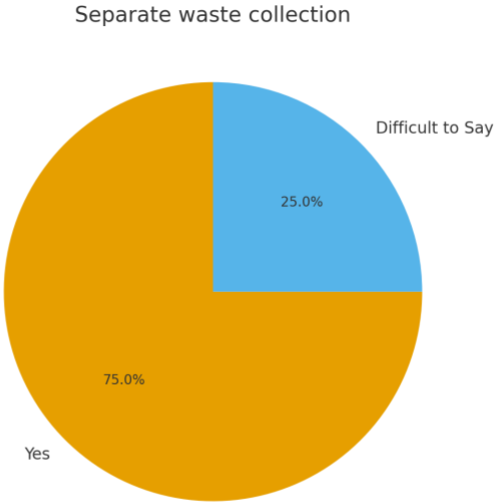
## Plastic reduction policy

- 9 establishments are in the process of developing a policy.
- 6 establishments do not have a policy.
- 4 establishments have partially implemented a policy.
- 1 establishment has a comprehensive policy.



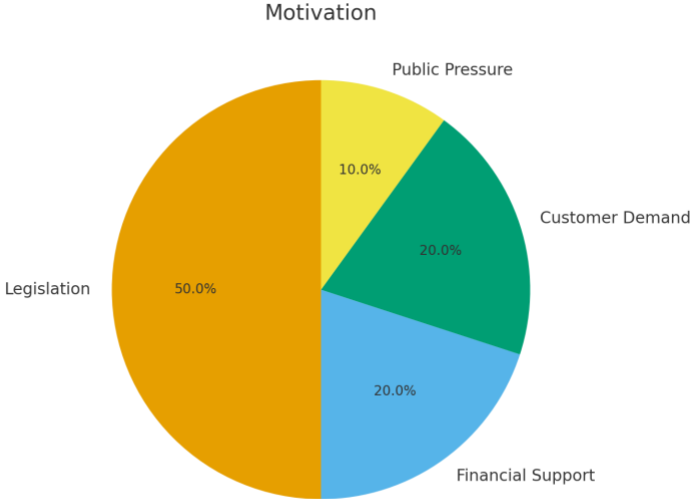
## Separate waste collection

- 15 establishments carry out separate waste collection.
- 5 establishments responded “difficult to say.”



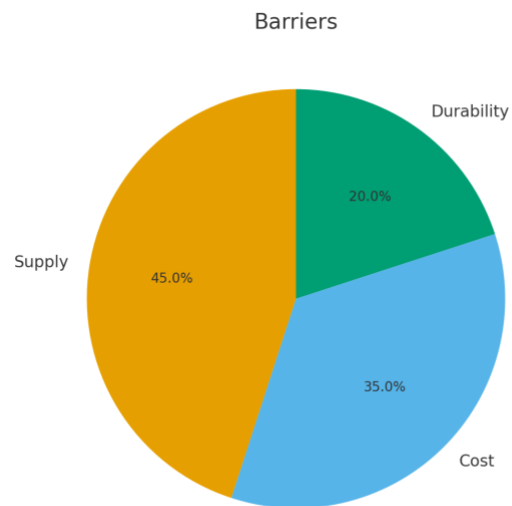
## What motivates change

- Legislative restrictions — 10.
- Financial support/subsidies — 4.
- Greater customer demand — 4.
- Public pressure/ratings — 2.



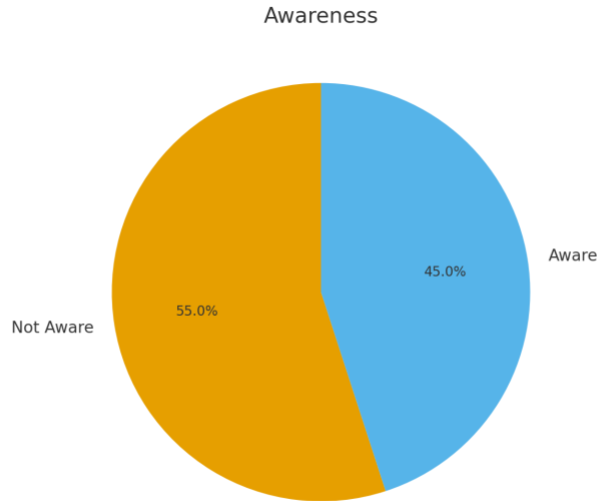
## Barriers to switching to alternatives

- Insufficient supply on the market — 9.
- High cost — 7.
- Low durability or convenience of alternatives — 4.



## Awareness of the international agreement

- 11 respondents — have not heard of it.
- 9 respondents — heard of it and consider it essential for Ukraine.

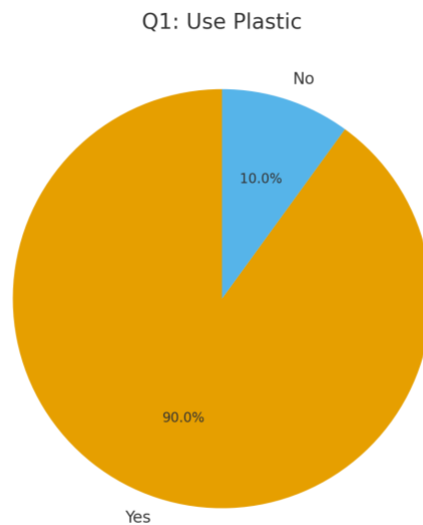


## Questionnaire

1. Does your institution use plastic packaging or disposable plastic (containers, bags, bottles, cutlery, etc.)?

Yes – 90%

No – 10%



2. If yes, for what purposes do you mainly use plastic containers? (Open answer)

Straws and lids for cups – 5%:

Food for delivery – 5%

Food for takeaway – 15%

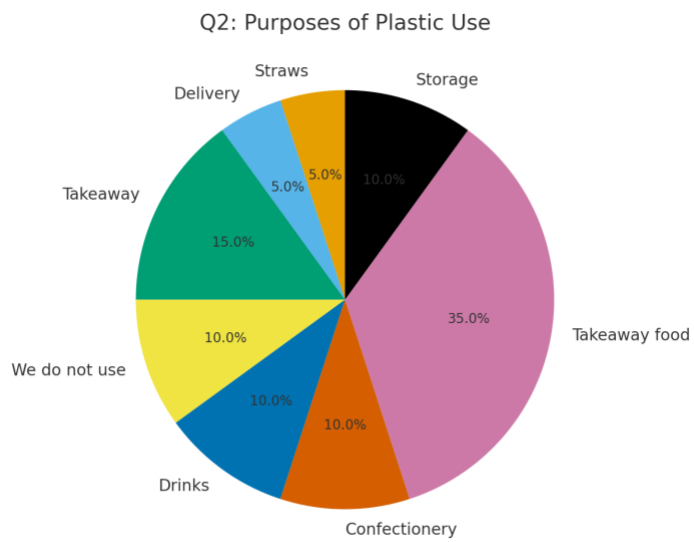
We do not use – 10%

For drinks – 10%

For confectionery – 10%

For takeaway food – 35%

For food storage – 10%

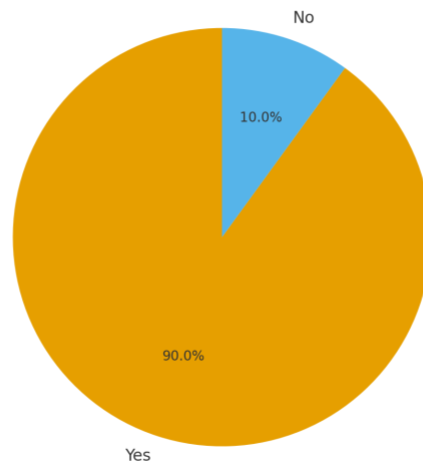


3. Does your establishment have alternative packaging or containers (non-plastic)?

Yes – 90%

No – 10%

Q3: Alternatives Available



If yes, what alternatives do you use?

Open answer:

Glass beverage cups – 20%

Paper packaging – 25%

Paper cups – 10%

Paper bags – 15%

Paper containers – 15%

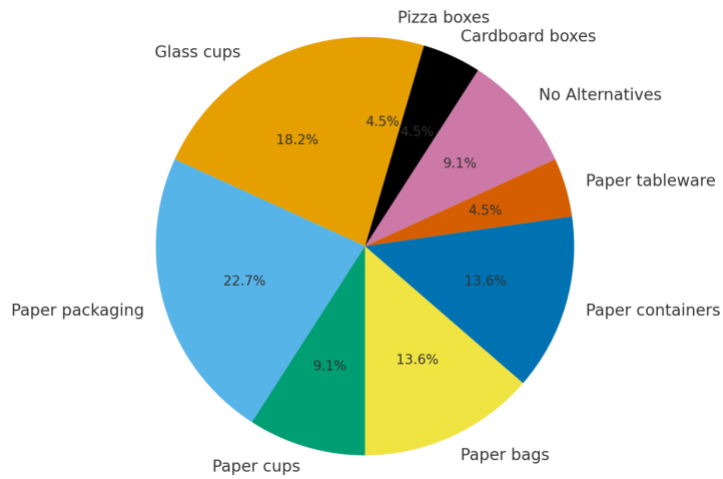
Paper tableware – 5%

We do not use any – 10%

Cardboard boxes – 5%

Cardboard pizza boxes – 5%

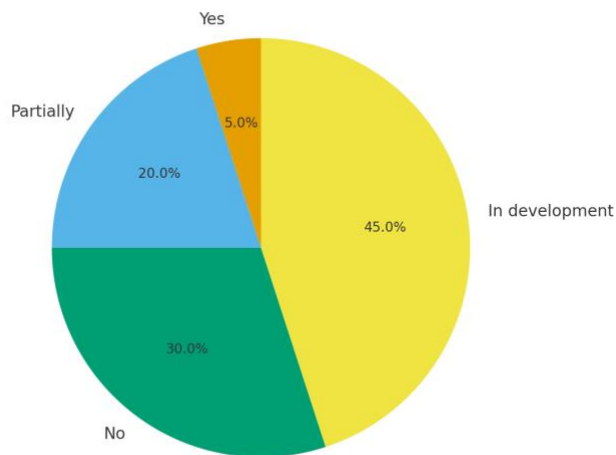
Q3: Alternatives Used



4. Does your establishment have a policy or action plan to reduce single-use plastics?

- Yes – 5%
- Partially – 20%
- No – 30%
- In development – 45%

Q4: Plastic Policy

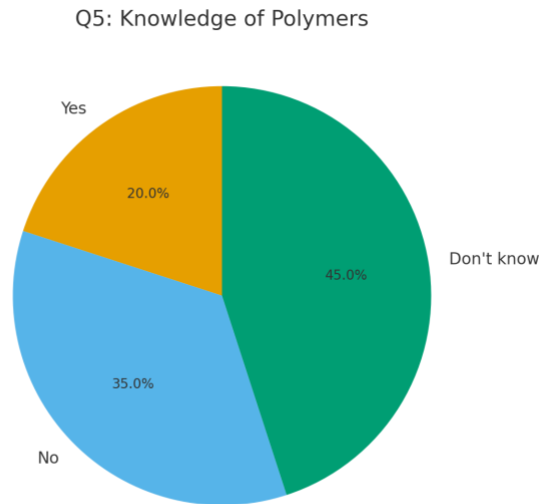


5. Do you know what polymers or chemical components are used to make the plastic containers you use?

Yes – 20%

No – 35%

Don't know – 45%



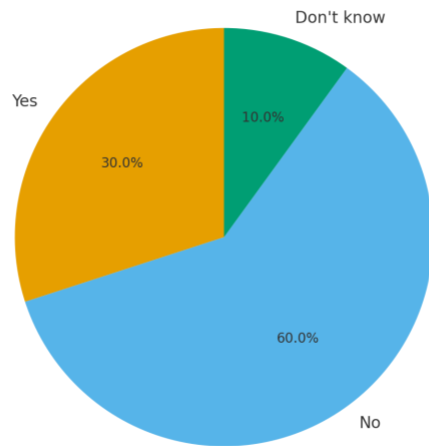
6. Have you or your customers ever inquired about the safety of the plastic that comes into contact with food in your establishment?

Yes – 30%

No – 60%

Don't know – 10%

Q6: Safety Inquiry



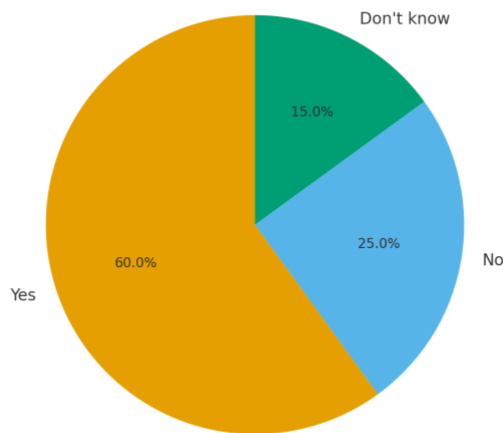
7. Is your packaging labelled with the type of plastic or information about its recyclability?

Yes – 60%

No – 25%

Don't know – 15%

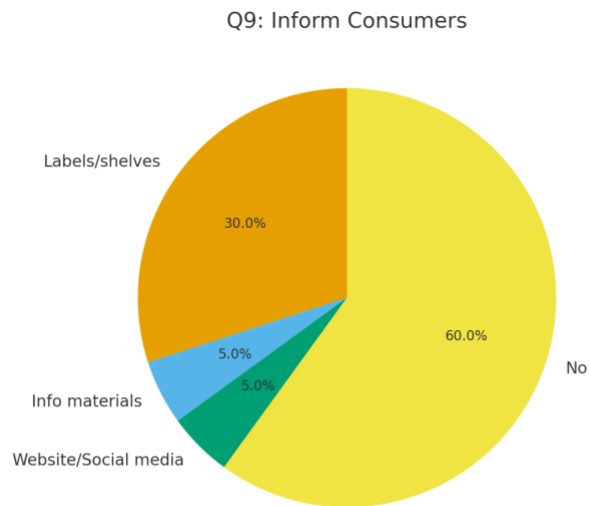
Q7: Packaging Labelled



8. Do you consider it essential to have labelling on plastic packaging regarding (type of plastic, toxic substances, recyclability, compatibility with products)?

9. Do you inform consumers about the types of packaging and their recyclability?

- Yes, on labels/shelves – 30%
- Through information stands/materials – 5%
- Through the website/social networks – 5%
- No – 60%



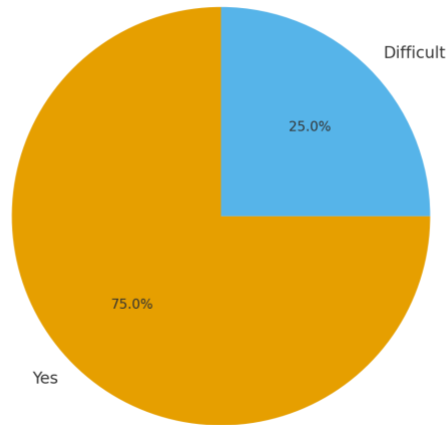
10. Would you be willing to switch to more environmentally friendly alternatives (paper, biodegradable, reusable packaging) if you had the opportunity?

Yes – 75%

No

I find it difficult to answer – 25%

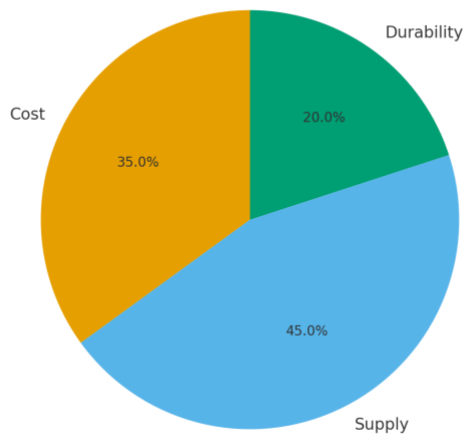
Q10: Willingness to Switch



11. In your opinion, what prevents you from switching to alternatives?

- High cost – 35%
- Insufficient supply on the market – 45%
- Low durability/convenience of alternatives – 20%
- Other:

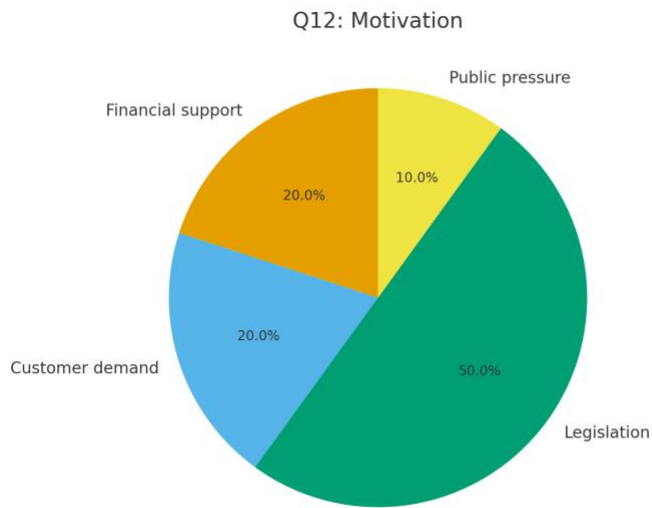
Q11: Barriers



12. What could motivate you to make more active changes?

- Financial support/subsidies – 20%

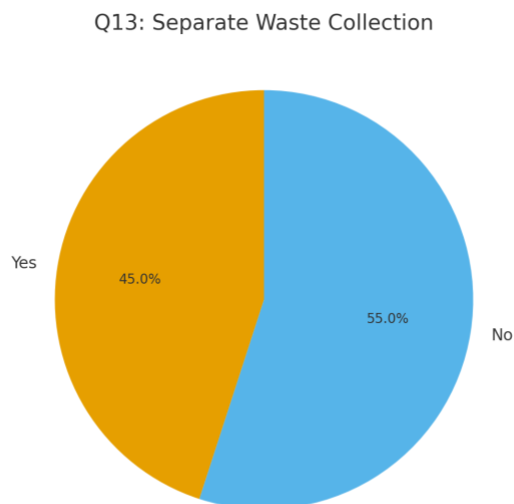
- Greater demand from customers – 20%
- Legislative restrictions – 50%
- Public pressure/rating – 10%
- Other:



13. Do you implement separate waste collection in your establishment (including plastic)?

Yes – 45%

No – 55%

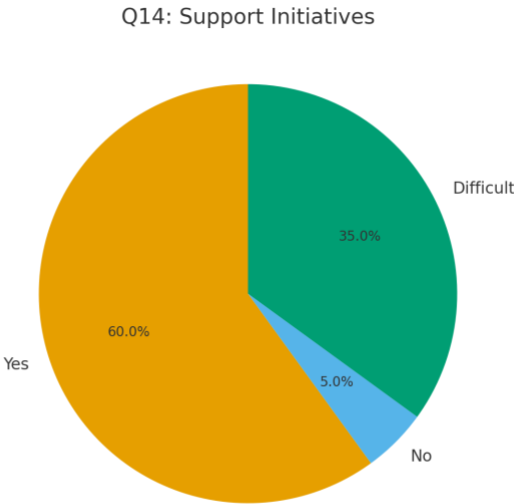


14. Would you support a state or municipal initiative to restrict the use of single-use plastics?

Yes – 60%

No – 5%

I find it difficult to answer – 35%



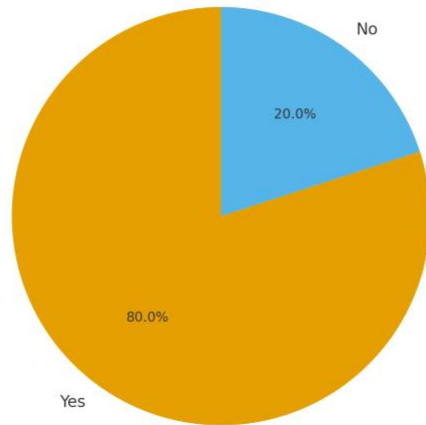
15. Are you aware that an international treaty to combat plastic pollution is being developed?

16. Do you consider such a treaty important for Ukraine and your sector?

Yes – 80%

No – 20%

Q16: Treaty Important



17. Which components of the treaty do you think should be a priority for your sector?

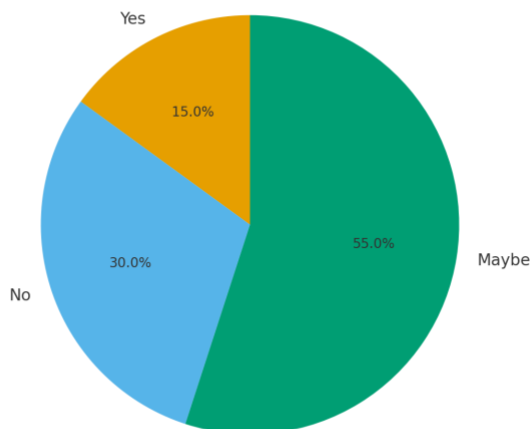
19. Would your organization be interested in participating in consultations/workshops on this treaty?

Yes– 15%

No– 30%

Maybe– 55%

Q19: Interest in Workshops



## Conclusion

Most establishments already use plastic, but a significant number of them are seeking or have found alternative solutions. Legislative restrictions are the key driver for change, while high costs and insufficient supply of alternatives are the main barriers. At the same time, awareness of international initiatives aimed at reducing plastic remains low. This suggests a need for additional information and educational efforts, as well as the development of economic incentives for businesses.

