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"'Green' law likely to take effect from next year " (Xinhua)

China has introduced new legislation requiring packaging to be designed in a simple style in order to prevent resource wastage and environmental pollution. This is part of the draft circular economy eromotion law, which will be deliberated for the last time by lawmakers this week and is likely to be passed before the weekend and will be officially put into force next year. The draft law provides a legal framework for developing the economy, raising energy efficiency, protecting the environment and realizing sustainable development and raises standards in resource reduction, safe waste disposal industrial production, mineral resource exploitation, construction, agriculture, governmental practice, urban domestic consumption and the service sector. For more information, please visit http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/bizchina/2008-08/26/content\_6971265.htm

Amy Yang from Lehman, Lee and Xu's Shanghai office is of the view that in contrast "from previous environment protection laws, the circular economy promotion law is more practical and for the first time the legislators of environment protection laws have focused on consumption field besides manufacturing."