

**OFFICIAL REACTION OF THE EUROPEAN CONTAINER GLASS INDUSTRY
TO
ANSES STUDY ON MICROPLASTICS IN BEVERAGES (PUBLISHED 20 JUNE 2025)**

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The glass industry acknowledges the study released last week by the French National Agency for Food, Environmental, and Occupational Health and Safety (ANSES). The study investigates the presence of microplastics across different types of beverage containers (i.e. plastic, cartons, cans, and glass) in drinks such as water, soda, iced tea, wine and beer.

The study is clear that the level of microplastics found in the bottles tested is linked to the metal caps/closures of the bottles, and not from glass packaging itself.

Glass is a reference packaging material for health, safety and taste preservation, glass is a virtually inert packaging material and, as the ANSES study confirms, it does not release microplastics. Glass does not react chemically with food or drinks that it contains.

The health and safety of consumers is our highest priority. As glass packaging industry we are strongly committed to collaborating with the rest of the value chain partners to address this topic, and to ensure the safest provision of food and drinks to consumers.
