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**SESSION 3**

**MASTERCLASS**

**RECYCLING**

*a deep dive into recycling of household packaging*





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**The PROGRAMM**

**& etiquette of meetings**

*Masterclass Recycling – Session 3*



# The programm



## Five sessions into recycling of household packaging

26-01-2021

10.00 – 11.30 CET

### Collection & Sorting

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- What is 'recyclable'?
- Legal background on packaging waste
- Collection systems
- Sorting of packaging & technologies used.
- Standard design & sorting issues in sorting
- New sorting technologies (digital watermarking & Image recognition)

02-02-2021

10.00 - 11.15 CET

### Reprocessing

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- Reprocessing in Europe
- Additional sorting at the reprocessor explained
- Technologies in place
- Upcoming reprocessing technologies: Chemical recycling
- Recycling vs LCA vs CO<sub>2</sub>-emission

09-02-2021

10.00 – 11.15 CET

### Design & Certification

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*All participants will receive PDF with Design for recycling Guidelines*

- Design for Recycling Guidelines;
- Training: How to make a self-assessment of recyclability for your packaging
- Mindeststandard in Germany, RecycleCheck in NL
- Certification conform RecyClass

16-02-2021

10.00 – 11.00 CET

### Producer Responsibility

4

- Everything you want to know on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR-systems) throughout the world
- What is changing in EPR for packaging
- Presented by Lorax for legislation & registration, supported by SUEZ.circpack for everything on recycling

60 minutes

Date to be aligned with you

### One-on-one session

5

- Opportunity to ask additional questions in a one-on-one live session with a SUEZ.circpack expert.
- Get answers to your dedicated questions that are really important for you and your company
- No competitors listening!

# Etiquette during the meeting



- Slides will be provided after the meeting
- Question? ask via the chat
- Have your QR-scanning app ready on your mobile:

- SCAN ME -



- **Your competitors might be listening. Do not share anything that you do not want to be public**
- **Do not discuss prices, fees, margins, customers, etc.**
- **When you feel that regulatory rules are broken, please inform us via chat in order for us to take action.**



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**RECAP OF**

**SESSION ONE & TWO**

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# Recap of session One

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10.00 – 11.30 CET

## Collection & Sorting

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1. COLLECTION



2. SORTING

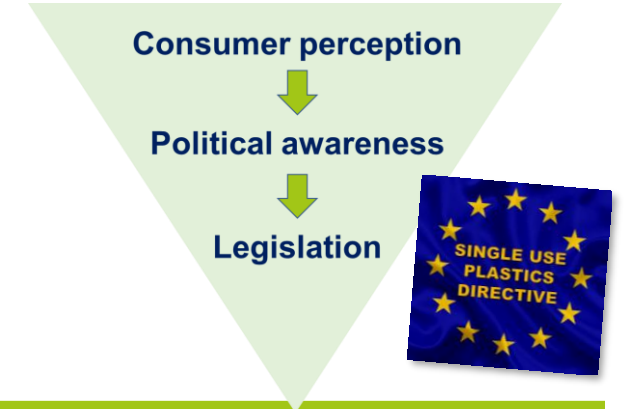


3. REPROCESSING



4. APPLICATION

= RECYCLABLE



Robotization

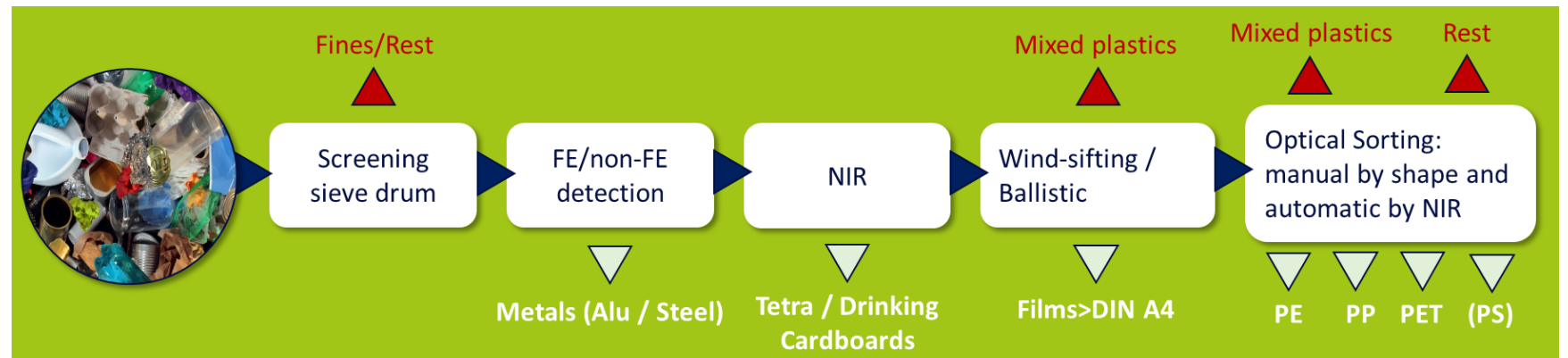
Image Recognition

Deep learning

EU targets 2025/2030:

Recycling:  
50% by 2025 and 55% by 2030

NEW Calculation of recycling:



# Recap of session two

02-02-2021

10.00 - 11.15 CET

## Reprocessing

- Reprocessing in Europe
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- Recycling vs LCA vs CO<sub>2</sub>-emission

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## How much additional sorting is required?

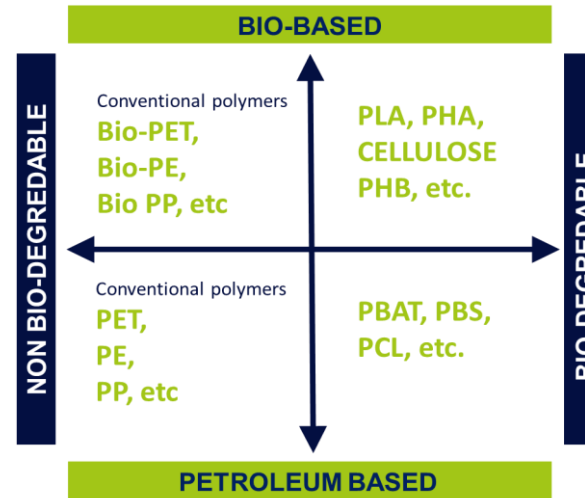
- **ORIGIN?**
- **Quality of INPUT?**
- **Quality of OUTPUT?**
- **APPLICATION?**

## SORTING PROCESSES:

- Shredding & Washing
- Label separation
- Friction
- Sink-float
- Optical sorting of polymer (NIR)
- Optical sorting of color (CCD camera's)
- Magnetic Density Separation (liquisort)
- Elutriator (zigzag windsifter)
- Air classification (wind sifting)
- (Hydro)cyclone / Centrifuge
- Tribo electric separation
- Magnetic (FE)
- Pulping (Cardboard & Tetra)

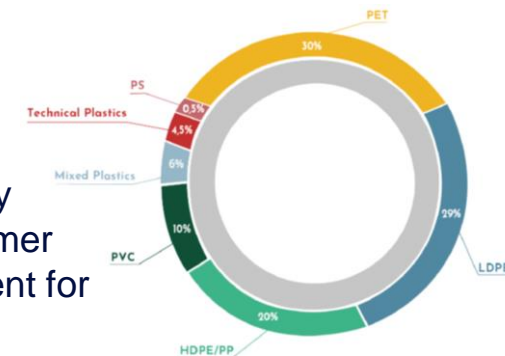
A balancing act....

Recyclability vs Recycled content  
 Reducing plastics vs Recyclability  
 Recyclability vs Carbon footprint  
 Carbon footprint vs LCA  
 Prevention of littering?  
 Consumers perception



## PLASTIC CHEMICAL RECYCLING

- **8.5 MT** EU installed reprocessing capacity
- **7,5 Mt** of post consumer packaging plastics sent for recycling





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**Design for recycling**

**GUIDELINES**

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# Design for recycling GUIDELINES




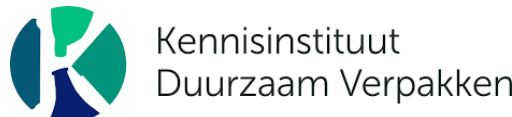







Organisation:	Country:	What?	Used for:
Citeo	France	recyclability assessment tool (LCA-based, free)	-
Cotrep	France	DfR guidelines (do & don't approach)	-
Danish Plastics Federation	Denmark	DfR guidelines	-
Der Grune Punkt (DSD)	Germany	DfR guidelines	-
EPBP	Europe	DfR guidelines + lab protocols	technology approvals
EXPRA	Europe	DfR guidelines + tool	-
FH Campus Wien	Austria	DfR guidelines + methodology	-
HTP-Cyclos	Germany	recyclability assessment (certification)	certification
IK	Germany	Eco Design of Plastic Packaging	-
IKV	Netherlands	DfR guidelines (do & don't), decision tree (for rigids)	-
OPRL (on pack recycling label)	UK	recyclability assessment (tool and labelling, only for members)	certification
Petcore Europe	Europe	DfR guidelines + recyclability protocol	technology approvals
Recoup	UK	DfR guidelines + tool (Packscore) - aligned with RecyClass	certification
RecyClass	Europe	DfR guidelines, recyclability assessment (free online tool) + certification, lab protocols	technology approvals
Suez.Circpack	Global	DfR guidelines, recyclability assessment - aligned with RecyClass	certification
WRAP	UK	DfR guidelines (yes please/no thanks approach)	-
Zentrale Stelle	Germany	DfR guidelines + methodology	certification
APR	US	DfR guidelines + lab protocols	technology approvals



# Design for recycling GUIDELINES

## The DO and DON'T approach:

	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do</li> <li>• Don't</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexible PE</li> <li>• HDPE containers</li> <li>• Clear PET (bottles and trays together)</li> <li>• Dark PET (bottles and trays together)</li> <li>• PP containers</li> </ul>
	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do, difficult to recycle, don't</li> <li>• Preferred/ Avoid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PET bottles</li> <li>• PET trays</li> <li>• HDPE containers</li> <li>• PP bowls, cups and tubes</li> <li>• Pouches</li> </ul>
	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recyclable</li> <li>• Non-recyclable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottles (food and drink)</li> <li>• Bottles (non-food or drink)</li> <li>• Milk bottles</li> <li>• Pots, tubs, trays (food and drink)</li> <li>• Pots, tubs, trays (non-food and drink)</li> </ul>

Best in class  
material choice

Best in class  
colour choice

Why?

# Design for recycling GUIDELINES



## The traffic light approach:





- **APR** PET, HDPE, PP, PE films
- **Danish Plastic Foundation** PET, HDPE, PP
- **DSD** PET, HDPE, PP, PS, PE and PP films
- **EPBP** PET bottles - aligned with RecyClass
- **EXPRA** PET, HDPE, PP, PE films
- **FH Campus Wien** PET, HDPE, PP
- **Petcore Europe** PET trays -aligned with RecyClass
- **Recoup** PET, HDPE, PP, PE and PP films - aligned with RecyClass
- **RecyClass** PET bottle/trays, HDPE, PP, PE and PP films, PO pots, tubes, trays, HDPE/PP pallets and crates
- **SUEZ.circpack®** PET bottle/tray, HDPE, PP, PE and PP films - *aligned with RecyClass*
- **IK** PET, HDPE, PP, PE films – based on RecyClass + PS



# Design for recycling GUIDELINES

## Harmonized guidelines:

<h3>RecyClass</h3>	<p><b>YES</b> Full compatibility</p> <p>Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in PE-HD recycling</p>	<p><b>CONDITIONAL</b> Limited compatibility</p> <p>Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with PE-HD recycling</p>	<p><b>NO</b> Low compatibility</p> <p>Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with PE-HD recycling</p>
<h3>EPBP</h3>		<p>Transparent clear   light blue PET bottles</p>	
<h3>PETcore Europe</h3>		<p>PET Thermoformed Trays - Clear Transparent</p>	
<h3>SUEZ.circpack®</h3>	<p><b>Yes! ☺</b> Full compatibility for reprocessing</p>	<p><b>Conditional ☹</b> Limited compatibility for reprocessing</p>	<p><b>No ☹</b> Low (or no) compatibility for reprocessing</p>
<h3>Recoup</h3>	<p><b>COMPATIBLE</b> for recycling for most applications</p>	<p><b>MAY BE SUITABLE</b> for recycling for some applications</p>	<p><b>NOT SUITABLE</b> for recycling</p>




# Design for recycling GUIDELINES

<https://recyclclass.eu/recyclclass/design-for-recycling-guidelines/>

## RecyClass

[ABOUT](#)[RECYCLABILITY](#)[APPROVALS](#)[RECYCLED CONTENT](#)[NEWS & EVENTS](#)[HELP & CONTACT](#)

 RecyClass for all other products.

These guidelines are reviewed by plastics value chain experts, as well as updated based on technology assessments.

### Design for Recycling Guidelines List

[PET](#)[PE](#)[PP](#)[PTTs](#)[Crates & Pallets](#)

 [Natural PE-HD Containers](#)

 [Natural PE Flexible Film](#)

 [Coloured PE-HD Containers](#)

 [Coloured PE Flexible Film](#)

RecyClass	PE-HD Natural Containers and Tubes		
	YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY	CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY
Class ranking*	<b>A-B</b>	<b>B-C</b>	<b>D-E-F</b>
Description (Test Protocol)	Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in HDPE recycling	Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with HDPE recycling	Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with HDPE recycling
Container**	HDPE; Multilayer HDPE with other PE (LLDPE, LDPE, MDPE).		Multilayers HDPE with PLA; PVC; PS; PET; PETG
Material composition	A when PE content is > 95%; B when PE content is > 90%	C when PE content is > 70%	D when PE content is > 50%; E when PE content is > 30%; F when PE content is < 30%
Colours	Natural (clear);	Light colours	Black inner layer; Black; Carbon Black; Other dark colours
Size		Items compacted < 5 cm	Items compacted < 2 cm
Product residues (Easy to Empty index)	A if the index is < 5%; B if the index is < 10%	C if the index is < 15%;	D if the index is < 20%; E if the index is 25%; F if the index is > 25%
Barrier	<a href="#">EVOH &lt; 6.0%wt + PE-g-MAH tie layers with MAH &gt; 0.1%wt</a> and <a href="#">EVOH tie layers ratio ≤ 2; Enkase (fluorination)</a>	<a href="#">EVOH &gt; 6.0%wt + PE-g-MAH tie layers with MAH &gt; 0.1%wt</a> and <a href="#">EVOH tie layers ratio ≤ 2;</a> EVOH < 1% with any other tie layers	<a href="#">EVOH &gt; 1%</a> with any other tie layers; PA; PVDC; Aluminium
Additives	Additives that are unavoidable in processing (stabilizers, antioxidants, lubricants, nucleating agents, peroxides) and density remains < 0.97 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Mineral fillers (CaCO <sub>3</sub> , talc) not increasing density more than 0,97 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Additives changing the material density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> Flame-retardant additives, plasticizers Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives
Closure Systems	HDPE; LDPE; LLDPE; MDPE	PP; PET; PETG; PLA; PS (all with a density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ).	Non-PO and/or foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Aluminium; Metal; PVC
Liners, Seals and Valves	HDPE; LDPE; LLDPE; MDPE TPE-PE	PP; TPE-PP PET, PETG, PLA; PS (all with a density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); Removable aluminium lidding; Removable silicon with a density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> Labels in PP (with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*; Labels in PET, PETG, PLA, PS (all with density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*; Labels in Paper without fibrelloss*; PO-foamed labels*;	Non-PO and/or foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Any other TPE Aluminium; Metal; Foiled paper; PVC
Labels	Labels in HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, MDPE (all with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*  * with a print and/or barrier that does not hinder the recognition of the underlying PE-polymer	* with a size, a print and/or barrier that does not hinder the recognition of the underlying PE-polymer: - Indication label size on containers > 500 ml: < 70% coverage - Indication label size on containers ≤ 500 ml: < 50% coverage Sleeves in PP (with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*; Sleeves in PET, PETG, PLA, PS (all with density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*;	Labels that hinder the recognition of the PE; Labels in non PO-materials with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Paper labels with fibrelloss during recycling process Aluminium Metallised labels; PVC
Sleeves	Sleeves in HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, MDPE (all with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*  * with a print and/or barrier that does not hinder the recognition of the underlying PE-polymer	* with a size, a print and/or barrier that does not hinder the recognition of the underlying PE-polymer: - Indication sleeve size on containers > 500 ml: < 70% coverage - Indication sleeve size on containers ≤ 500 ml: < 50% coverage Pressure sensitive labels	Sleeves that hinder the recognition of the PE; Sleeves in non PO-materials with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Aluminium; Metallised sleeves; Heavily inked sleeves; PVC
Adhesives for labels	Water soluble or water releasable adhesive (@ less than 40°C)		Non water soluble or non water releasable adhesives
Inks	Non toxic following the EuPIA Guidelines		Inks that bleed; Toxic or hazardous inks.
Direct Printing	Laser marked; Production or best-before date.		Any other direct printing
Other Components	HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, MDPE	PP; PET; PETG; PLA; PS all with density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Aluminium; PVC; Glass components; Foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Recycled content	No change in the recyclability assessment. A separate 'Recycled Content Traceability Certification' based on a Chain of Custody approach is available with RecyClass		

Last update - January 2021

\* Class ranking resulting by the RecyClass assessment. B class is reported two times because of the 90-95% amount of PE in the packaging or because of slight incompatibilities in the design.

\*\* Polymer resin can be either fossil- or bio-based.

RecyClass	PE-HD Natural Containers and Tubes		
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Container**	HDPE; Multilayer HDPE with other PE (LLDPE, LDPE, MDPE).		Multilayers HDPE with PLA; PVC; PS; PET; PETG
Material composition	A when PE content is > 95%; B when PE content is > 90%	C when PE content is > 70%	D when PE content is > 50%; E when PE content is > 30%; F when PE content is < 30%
Colours	Natural (clear);	Light colours	Black inner layer, Black; Carbon Black; Other dark colours
Size		Items compacted < 5 cm	Items compacted < 2 cm
Product residues (Easy to Empty index)	A if the index is < 5%; B if the index is < 10%	C if the index is < 15%;	D if the index is < 20%; E if the index is 25%; F if the index is > 25%
Barrier	<u>EVOH &lt; 6.0%wt + PE-g-MAH tie layers with MAH &gt; 0.1%wt and EVOH:tie layers ratio ≤ 2; <a href="#">Enkase (fluorination)</a></u>	<u>EVOH &gt; 6.0%wt + PE-g-MAH tie layers with MAH &gt; 0.1%wt and EVOH:tie layers ratio ≤ 2;</u> EVOH < 1% with any other tie layers	<u>EVOH &gt; 1%</u> with any other tie layers; PA; PVDC; Aluminium
Additives	Additives that are unavoidable in processing (stabilizers, antioxidants, lubricants, nucleating agents, peroxides) and density remains < 0.97 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Mineral fillers (CaCO <sub>3</sub> , talc) not increasing density more than 0,97 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Additives changing the material density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> Flame-retardant additives, plasticizers Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives
Closure Systems	HDPE; LDPE; LLDPE; MDPE	PP; PET; PETG; PLA; PS (all with a density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ).	Non-PO and/or foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Aluminium; Metal; PVC
Liners, Seals and Valves	HDPE; LDPE; LLDPE; MDPE TPE-PE	PP; TPE-PP PET, PETG, PLA ; PS (all with a density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); Removable aluminium lidding; Removable silicon with a density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Non-PO and/or foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Any other TPE Aluminium; Metal; Foiled paper; PVC

# HDPE Design for recycling GUIDELINES

RecyClass	PE-HD Natural Containers and Tubes		
	YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY	CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY
Class ranking*	A-B	B-C	D-E-F
Labels	Labels in HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, MDPE (all with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*  * with a print and/or barrier that does not hinder the recognition of the underlying PE-polymer	Labels in PP (with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*; Labels in PET, PETG, PLA, PS (all with density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*; Labels in Paper without fibreless*; PO-foamed labels*;  * with a size, a print and/or barrier that does not hinder the recognition of the underlying PE-polymer: - Indication label size on containers > 500 ml: < 70% coverage - Indication label size on containers ≤ 500 ml: < 50% coverage Sleeves in PP (with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*; Sleeves in PET, PETG, PLA, PS (all with density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*;	Labels that hinder the recognition of the PE; Labels in non PO-materials with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Paper labels with fibreless during recycling process Aluminium Metallised labels; PVC
Sleeves	Sleeves in HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, MDPE (all with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )*  * with a print and/or barrier that does not hinder the recognition of the underlying PE-polymer	* with a size, a print and/or barrier that does not hinder the recognition of the underlying PE-polymer: - Indication sleeve size on containers > 500 ml: < 70% coverage - Indication sleeve size on containers ≤ 500 ml: < 50% coverage Pressure sensitive labels	Sleeves that hinder the recognition of the PE; Sleeves in non PO-materials with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Aluminium; Metallised sleeves; Heavily inked sleeves; PVC
Adhesives for labels	Water soluble or water releasable adhesive (@ less than 40°C)		Non water soluble or non water releasable adhesives
Inks	Non toxic following the EuPIA Guidelines		Inks that bleed; Toxic or hazardous inks.
Direct Printing	Laser marked; Production or best-before date.		Any other direct printing
Other Components	HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, MDPE	PP; PET; PETG; PLA; PS all with density > 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Aluminium; PVC; Glass components; Foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Recycled content	No change in the recyclability assessment. A separate 'Recycled Content Traceability Certification' based on a Chain of Custody approach is available with RecyClass		

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# PET bottles 1/3

## Design for recycling GUIDELINES

	Transparent Clear and Light-blue PET bottles		
	YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY	CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY
Class ranking*	A-B	B-C	D-E-F
Description (Test Protocol)	Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in PET recycling	Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with PET recycling	Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with PET recycling
Bottle	PET		PLA; PVC; PS; PETG
Material composition**	A when PET content is > 95%; B when PET content is > 90%	C when PET content is > 70%	D when PET content is > 50%; E when PET content is > 30%; F when PET content is < 30%
Colours	Transparent clear; Transparent light blue		Other transparent colours; Opaque; Fluorescence; Metallic.
Size			≤ 4 cm (compacted); > 5 liter content
Product residues (Easy to Empty index)	A if the index is < 5%; B if the index is < 10%	C if the index is < 15%;	D if the index is < 20%; E < if the index is 25%; F if the index is > 25%
Barrier	SiOx plasma coating.	Carbon plasma-coating; PA-MXD6 multilayer with <5wt% PA-MXD6 and no tie layers; PGA multilayer; PTN allow.	PA-MXD6 multilayer with >5wt% PA-MXD6 or with tie layers; Monolayer PA-MXD6 blends; EVOH.
Additives		UV stabilisers; Acetaldehyde (AA) blockers; Optical brighteners; Oxygen scavengers;	Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives; Nanocomposites
Closure Systems	PE (with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); PP (with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> );		Materials and blends with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. highly filled PE, metals...); Non-detaching or welded closures.
Linings, Seals and Valves	PE; PE + EVA; PP; foamed PET (all with a density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Silicone with density <0.95g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Materials with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. PVC, silicone, metals)
Labels	Labels in PE; PP; OPP; EPS; foamed PET (all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ), with a size that does not hinder* the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer.  * indication label size of bottles > 500 ml: < 70% coverage * indication label size of bottles ≤ 500 ml: < 50% coverage	Lightly metallized labels; Paper labels without fiberlosses	Labels which hinder the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer (e.g. too large, metallised, heavily inked); Labels with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. PVC; PS; PET; PETG; PLA); Metallized labels; Non-detaching or welded labels; Paper labels with fiberloss; Foamed PETG labels (even with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); PET labels with washable inks
Sleeves	Sleeves in PE; PP; OPP; EPS; foamed PET; LDPET (all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ), with a size that does not hinder* the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer  * Indication sleeve size of bottles > 500 ml: < 70% coverage * Indication sleeve size of bottles ≤ 500 ml: < 50% coverage	Full sleeves translucent for IR detection in PE; PP; OPP; EPS; foamed PET; LDPET; all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>  INTERIM: Twin-perforated sleeves for household and personal care conform guidelines by EPBP	Sleeves which hinder the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer (e.g. too large, metallised, heavily inked); Sleeves with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. PVC; PS; PET; PETG); Foamed PETG sleeves (even with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); PET sleeves with washable inks
Tamper Evidence Wrap	PE; PP; OPP; EPS; Foamed PET (all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )		Materials with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. metal; PVC; PS; PET; PETG); Metallised materials; Foamed PETG (even with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); PET with washable inks
Adhesives for labels	Alkali/water soluble and alkali/water releasable adhesive at 60-80°C without reactivation	Hot-melts; Pressure-sensitive labels	Non-soluble in water or alkaline at 60-80°C; Non-releasable in water or alkaline at 60-80°C
Inks	Non-toxic (according to EUPIA guidelines)		Inks that bleed; Toxic or hazardous inks; Metallic inks
Direct Printing	Laser marked print;	Production or expiry date	Any other direct printing
Other Components	Base cap, handles or other components which are separated by grinding and float/sink - all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Unpigmented PET		Materials with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. metal, RFID tags); Non detaching or welded components Coloured PET.
Recycled content	No change in the recyclability assessment. A separate 'Recycled Content Traceability Certification' based on a Chain of Custody approach is available with RecyClass		

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PET bottles 2/3  
Design for recycling GUIDELINES

		Transparent Clear and Light-blue PET bottles		
		YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY	CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY
Class ranking*	A-B	B-C	D-E-F	
Description (Test Protocol)	Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in PET recycling	Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with PET recycling	Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with PET recycling	
Bottle	PET		PLA; PVC; PS; PETG	
Material composition**	A when PET content is > 95%; B when PET content is > 90%	C when PET content is > 70%	D when PET content is > 50%; E when PET content is > 30%; F when PET content is < 30%	
Colours	Transparent clear; Transparent light blue		Other transparent colours; Opaque; Fluorescence; Metallic.	
Size			≤ 4 cm (compacted); > 5 liter content	
Product residues (Easy to Empty index)	A if the index is < 5%; B if the index is < 10%	C if the index is < 15%;	D if the index is < 20%; E if the index is 25%; F if the index is > 25%	
Barrier	SiOx plasma coating.	Carbon plasma-coating; PA-MXD6 multilayer with <5wt% PA-MXD6 and no tie layers; PGA multilayer; PTN alloy.	PA-MXD6 multilayer with >5wt% PA-MXD6 or with tie layers; Monolayer PA-MXD6 blend; EVOH.	
Additives		UV stabilisers; Acetaldehyde (AA) blockers; Optical brighteners; Oxygen scavengers;	Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives; Nanocomposites	
Closure Systems	PE (with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); PP (with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> );		Materials and blends with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. highly filled PE, metals...); Non-detaching or welded closures.	
Linings, Seals and Valves	PE; PE + EVA; PP; foamed PET (all with a density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Silicone with density <0.95g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Materials with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. PVC, silicone, metals)	
Labels	Labels in PE; PP; OPP; EPS; foamed PET (all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ), with a size that does not hinder* the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer.  * indication label size of bottles > 500 ml: < 70% coverage * indication label size of bottles ≤ 500 ml: < 50% coverage	Lightly metallized labels; Paper labels without fiberlosses	Labels which hinder the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer (e.g. too large, metallized, heavily inked); Labels with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. PVC; PS; PET; PETG; PLA); Metallized labels; Non-detaching or welded labels; Paper labels with fiberloss; Foamed PETG labels (even with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); PET labels with washable inks	

		Transparent Clear and Light-blue PET bottles		
		YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY	CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY
Class ranking*	A-B	B-C	D-E-F	
Sleeves	Sleeves in PE; PP; OPP; EPS; foamed PET; LDPET (all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ), with a size that does not hinder* the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer  * Indication sleeve size of bottles > 500 ml: < 70% coverage * Indication sleeve size of bottles ≤ 500 ml: < 50% coverage	Full sleeves translucent for IR detection in PE; PP; OPP; EPS; foamed PET; LDPET; all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>  INTERIM: Twin-perforated sleeves for household and personal care conform guidelines by EPBP	Sleeves which hinder the recognition of the underlying PET-polymer (e.g. too large, metallised, heavily inked); Sleeves with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. PVC; PS; PET; PETG); Foamed PETG sleeves (even with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); PET sleeves with washable inks	
Tamper Evidence Wrap	PE; PP; OPP; EPS, Foamed PET (all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> )		Materials with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. metal; PVC; PS; PET; PETG); Metallised materials; Foamed PETG (even with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ); PET with washable inks	
Adhesives for labels	Alkali/water soluble and alkali/water releasable adhesive at 60-80°C without reactivation	Hot-melts; Pressure-sensitive labels	Non-soluble in water or alkaline at 60-80°C; Non-releasable in water or alkaline at 60-80°C	
Inks	Non-toxic (according to EUPIA guidelines)		Inks that bleed; Toxic or hazardous inks; Metallic inks	
Direct Printing	Laser marked print;	Production or expiry date	Any other direct printing	
Other Components	Base cup, handles or other components which are separated by grinding and float/sink - all with density <1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ; Unpigmented PET		Materials with density >1 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (e.g. metal, RFID tags); Non detaching or welded components Coloured PET.	
Recycled content	No change in the recyclability assessment. A separate 'Recycled Content Traceability Certification' based on a Chain of Custody approach is available with RecyClass			

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PE film  
Design for recycling GUIDELINES

		PE Transparent Flexible Films Guideline for Household and Commercial Packaging		
RecyClass		YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY	CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY
Class ranking*		A-B	B-C	D-E-F
Description (Test Protocol)		Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in PE recycling	Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with PE recycling	Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with PE recycling
Main material	PE-LD, PE-LLD; PE-HD		multilayer PE/PP	any other polymer (ex. PET, PVC, etc.)
Material composition	A when PE content is > 95%; B when PE content is > 90%		C when PE content is > 70%	D when PE content is > 50%; E when PE content is > 30%; F when PE content is < 30%
Colour	unpigmented; transparent		light colours; translucent colours	dark colours; black; carbon black
Size	> A4 or > 50 x 50 mm once compacted		< A4 format or between 20 x 20 and 50 x 50 mm once compacted (Sorting test)	< 20 x 20 mm
Product residues (Easy to Empty index)	A if the index is < 5%; B if the index is < 10%		C if the index is < 15%	D if the index is < 20%; E if the index is 25%; F if the index is > 25%
Barrier	barrier in the polymer matrix; SiOx and AIOx without additional coatings		< 5% EVOH (in polyolefin combination film); metallized layers without coatings; EcoLam High Plus; VO+ LLDPE	> 5% EVOH (in polyolefin combination film); barrier layer PVC, PVDC; PA; any other barrier layer; foaming agents used as expandant chemical agents; aluminium Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives
Additives	Additives that do not increase the density higher than 0,97 g/cm <sup>3</sup>			Additives that do increase the density higher than 0,97 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (CaCO <sub>3</sub> , talc, glass fibers, etc.)
Closure Systems	PE-LD, PE-LLD, PE-HD		PP	metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, non PO or foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Liners, Seals and Valves	PE-LD, PE-LLD, PE-HD		PP, removable aluminium liddings	metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, foiled paper, non PO or foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Labels	PE		PP, paper labels without fiberloss	metallized labels, any other; paper labels with fibre loss
Adhesives for labels	Water soluble or water-releasable at less than 60°C			Adhesives non-soluble in water or non-releasable in water at less than 60°C
Inks	no inks		Non-toxic (according to EUPIA guidelines)	Inks that bleed; Toxic or hazardous inks.
Direct Printing	Laser marked print; Printed production or expiry date		printing covering < 50%**	printing covering > 50% **
Other Attachments	PE-LD, PE-LLD, PE-HD		PP	metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, paper, foams with density < 1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Recycled content	No change in the recyclability assessment. A separate 'Recycled Content Traceability Certification' based on a Chain of Custody approach is available with RecyClass			

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\*\* temporary solution

# Design for recycling GUIDELINES

<https://recyclclass.eu/recyclclass/design-for-recycling-guidelines/>



## RecyClass guidelines available for:

### PET:

PET bottles - clear  
PET bottles - coloured  
PET thermoformed trays

### PE:

HDPE containers - natural  
HDPE containers - coloured  
PE flexible film - natural  
PE flexible film - coloured

### PO:

PE & PP pots, tubs & trays  
HDPE & PP crates and pallets

### PP:

PP containers - natural  
PP containers - coloured  
PP flexible film - natural  
PP flexible film - coloured

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# Design for recycling GUIDELINES



# Design for recycling GUIDELINES



## DESIGN GUIDELINES

On the following pages you will find an overview of different types of materials used in packaging.

For each material, we provide you with details on:

1. **Recyclable** materials, which can be **fully recycled**,
2. **Non-recyclable** materials, which can **not be recycled**, but will not hinder the recycling of recyclable materials in the packaging)
3. **Conflicting** materials, that can **not be recycled** & will **also obstruct** the recycling of the recyclable materials in the packaging



# Design for recycling GUIDELINES



## Paper & Cardboard:

	Yes! 😊	Not conflicting 😐	No 😞
	Recyclable Materials Materials are known to be recyclable	Non-recyclable materials Materials are non-recyclable, but will not hinder the recycling	Conflicting Materials Materials will negatively impact or obstruct the recycling
<b>General (according to DIN643)</b>	natural fibre-based paper and board suitable for recycling;	Unwanted material (outthrows) max 1.5% Non-paper components, paper and board not according to grade definition, paper and board conflicting with production, paper not suitable for de-inking	Prohibited Material (any material which present a hazard for health, safety and environment, such as medical waste, contaminated products of personal hygiene, hazardous waste, organic waste including foodstuffs, bitumen, toxic powders and similar)
<b>Main Material</b>	Paper fibres	Polyolefins (PE, PP); Aluminium	Non-de-inking
<b>Colours</b>		Suitable for de-inking	Foil lined papers
<b>Barrier</b>		Coating	Insoluble adhesives; heavy foils; Latex/Hotmelt; Self-Adhesive; Polycoat Wax
<b>Labels and Adhesives</b>		Water soluble adhesives	Inks that bleed; toxic or hazardous inks (Inks that are on the EuPIA exclusion list)
<b>Inks</b>		Non toxic following the EuPIA Guidelines	
<b>Other Components</b>		Wet strength agents, as far as fibre recovery and recycling is not proven; components of EuPIA	

*In a lot of countries combination of cardboard and plastic is not allowed in the collection system*



# Design for recycling GUIDELINES



## Glass:

	Yes! 😊	Not conflicting 😊	No 😞
	Recyclable Materials Materials are known to be recyclable	Non-recyclable materials Materials are non-recyclable, but will not hinder the recycling	Conflicting Materials Materials will negatively impact or obstruct the recycling
Main Material	Glas; Ferro metals, Non-ferro metals	Glas composites with metal or plastic layers	Pyrex (oven-proof glass), crystal
Colours	All colours (focus to the separately collected colours white, green and brown)		
Closure Systems	Polyolefins and metals (including aluminium)	Other	
Labels and Adhesives		All	
Inks			Heavy metal inks;
Direct Printing		Solid colours direct print on glass	
Other Components			



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# How to make a self-assessment of recyclability for your packaging?

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# Assessing Recyclability

## How to assess?



1 COLLECTION



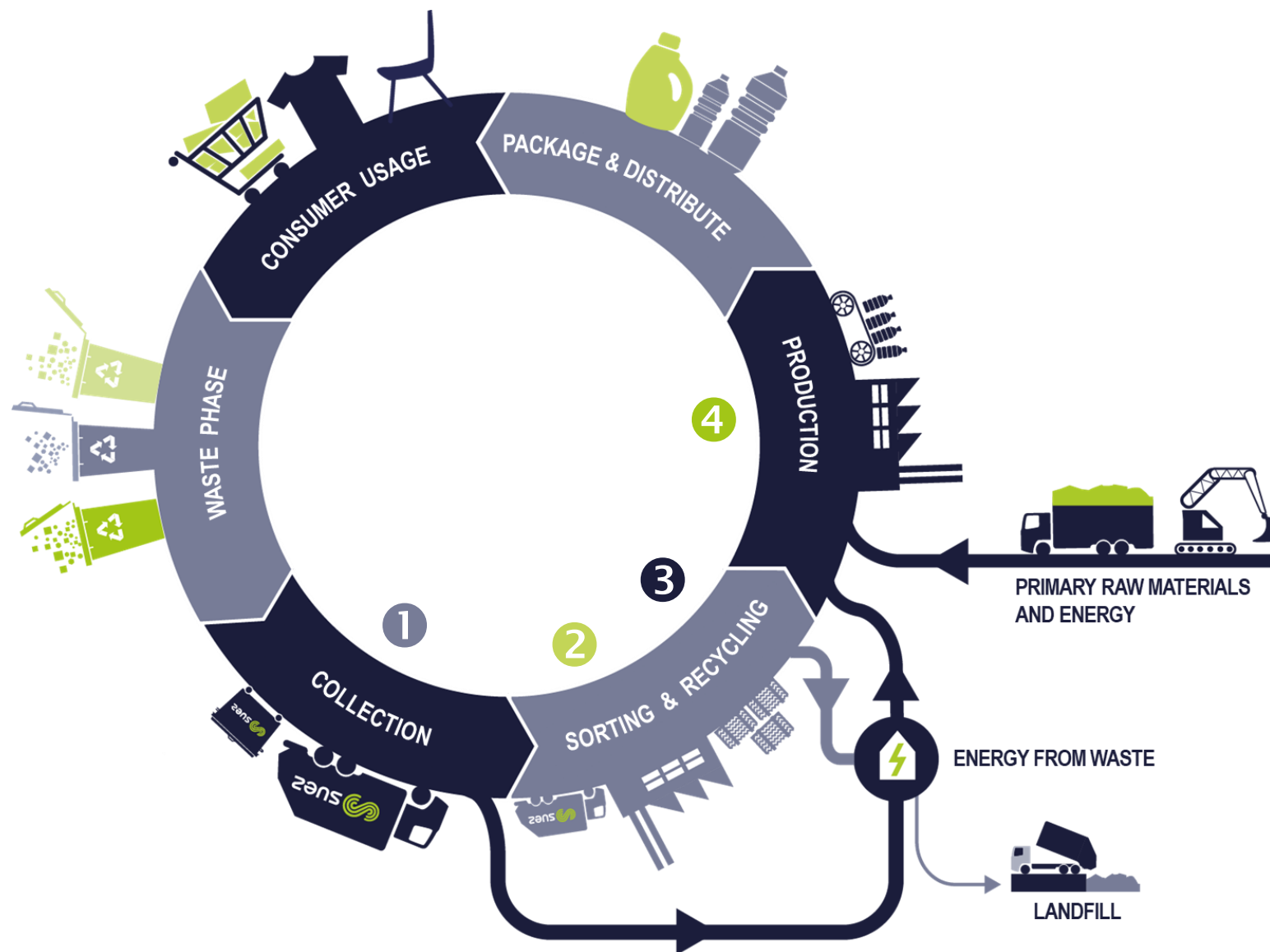
2 SORTING



3 REPROCESSING



4 APPLICATION



# Assessing Recyclability

## What to assess?



### 1. COLLECTION

IS a collection system in place?

WHAT is allowed in?

HOW is the material collected?  
Curbside? Deposit?

WHERE is the material collected?  
Households? B2B?

General waste? or source  
SEPERATION?

Own TAKE-BACK system?

EFFICIENCY rate?



### 2. SORTING

Is **ADDITIONAL** sorting required?

Which **TECHNOLOGIES** are used  
for crude-sorting?

Which **MATERIALS** are being  
sorted?

**SIZE** limitations?

**WEIGHT & RESIDUE** issues?

How are **COMPOSITE** materials  
being recognized & sorted?

EFFICIENCY rate?



### 3. REPROCESSING

Which **MATERIAL** are we going  
to reprocess?

Which **TECHNOLOGIES** are used  
for fine-sorting?

HOW is the sorted material  
treated?

Blocking substances? Carbon  
black, PV(d)C, Silicone, metal,  
etc.

EFFICIENCY rate?

What happens to the **RESIDU**?



### 4. APPLICATION

What is the **QUALITY** of the  
Secondary Raw Material?

In what type of **APPLICATION** can  
the material be applied?

Can it replace the same type of  
virgin material?

Is the material being blended or  
**DOWNGRADED**?

# Assessing Recyclability

## EXAMPLE 1



# Assessing Recyclability



## What to assess?



### 1. COLLECTION

Separate collection for box:  
paper & cardboard

Separate collection of pouch:  
lightweight packaging waste

Differences per country/region

Sometimes collected together



### 2. SORTING

Box will not be additionally  
sorted when collected in separate  
collection for paper/cardboard

If box is part of mixed packaging,  
it will be NIR-sorted as cardboard.

Pouch is being sorted into the  
mixed plastics flexibles.



### 3. REPROCESSING

Box will be repulped. The fibres  
will mostly be removed from  
glue, inks and residue.

The combination of PET and PE  
in the pouch can not be  
separated. Issue in reprocessing.

PP cap might be sorted correctly

In chemical recycling either the  
Pet or the PE/PP will cause  
issues (depending on the  
process)



### 4. APPLICATION

Box to box

Pouch will hopefully be  
incinerated. Otherwise landfill.  
If the PET/PE is returning into a  
product, it will be a thick-wall-  
product. This means that it is  
highly downgraded.

Options to improve the design?

# Assessing Recyclability

## EXAMPLE 2



# Assessing Recyclability



## What to assess?



### 1. COLLECTION

Curbside collection of household packaging

High collection rate since it is used @home



### 2. SORTING

Normally recognized as PE (as this is the main material of the tube)

Dark color could contain carbon black (NIR test?)

Metallization could prevent NIR identification.



### 3. REPROCESSING

PP cap might be difficult to separate from PE (density <math><1,0</math>)

Metallization will slightly downgrade the quality

EVOH barrier might downgrade quality (depending on %)

IML, when PE based, will result in a dark color of the PCR.

Seems OK for pyrolysis (effect of EVOH and ink?)



### 4. APPLICATION

Still good for a lot of products: buckets, containers, etc.

Probably not returning in a cosmetics packaging (maybe inner layer?)

Options to improve the design?



# Assessing Recyclability

## EXAMPLE 3

### BOTTOM-LAYER:

- PET (250 µm)



### TOP-LAYER:

- PET
- Ink
- Lamination glue
- PE
- Tie layer
- EVOH
- PSA

# Assessing Recyclability



## What to assess?



### 1. COLLECTION

Curbside collection of household packaging

High collection rate since it is used @home and in the kitchen

Top lid may be separated by consumer or by force of collection & transport



### 2. SORTING

Sorted in PET-trays by NIR

When top lid is separated, it will enter the mixed plastics flexible.



### 3. REPROCESSING

Currently no treatment capacity for PET-trays. Incineration or landfill.

In some countries it might partially be reprocessed with PET-bottles (limited %)

Good potential for depolymerization process.

Lid will be sorted out by density and send to incineration or landfill.



### 4. APPLICATION

Fuel

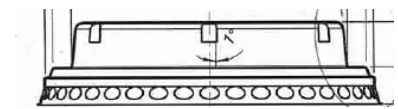
Landfill

Options to improve the design?

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## EXAMPLE 4



**TOPCUP:**  
APET – diameter=95mm



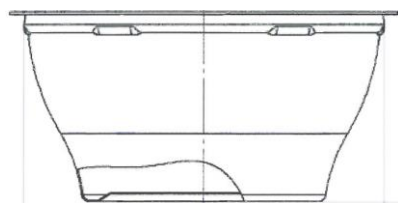
**SPOON:**  
PE – size = 108 \* 25 mm



**SPOON FLOWWRAP:**  
PE – size = 79 \* 36 mm



**ALUMINIUM LID:**  
Lacquer – Alu – PET seal peel



**YOGHURT CUP:**  
PP – OPS Shrink sleeve

# Assessing Recyclability



## What to assess?



### 1. COLLECTION

Curbside collection of household packaging

Collection rate is lower since it the product is also used out-of-home

Most parts will be separated



### 2. SORTING

Identification of Cup might be obstructed by the OPS-sleeve (otherwise PP-fraction)

Topcup will go to PET or PET-trays

Alu-lid will not be sorted by the Eddy Current due to shape and weight → residue

Other materials too small (when wrinkled) to sort. Will end in residue.



### 3. REPROCESSING

If cup goes to PP: cup will be reprocessed, OPS shrink sleeve will be removed in sink-float

Topcup: when sorted in PET-trays, currently no reprocessing capacity available. When in PET, no problem.



### 4. APPLICATION

PP can be brought back to high quality applications  
However, non-food-grade.

Other material will typically end-up in incineration or landfill.

Options to improve the design?



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# Eco-modulation-fees for Recyclable Packaging

## Stimulus to change packaging design

- Under a modulated fee approach, the fees paid by the producer will vary according to specific criteria relating to aspects of their packaging's environmental performance.
- More 'environmentally-friendly' packaging are charged at a lower rate than those that are less 'environmentally friendly' to incentivise eco-design.
- **How is this certified?**



MINIMUM STANDARD



RECYCLE CHECK



Donnons ensemble une nouvelle vie à nos produits.



*More to be revealed in the session 4 on Extended Producer Responsibility*



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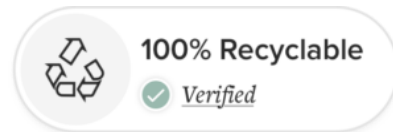
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# RecyClass approvals & certifications



Many different certification approaches:



## The value chain needs HARMONISATION of:

- Design Guidelines
- Test protocols on sorting
- Test protocols on reprocessing
- Certification methodology (EN-norm?)
- Standardised logo
- Clarity on Country specific situations



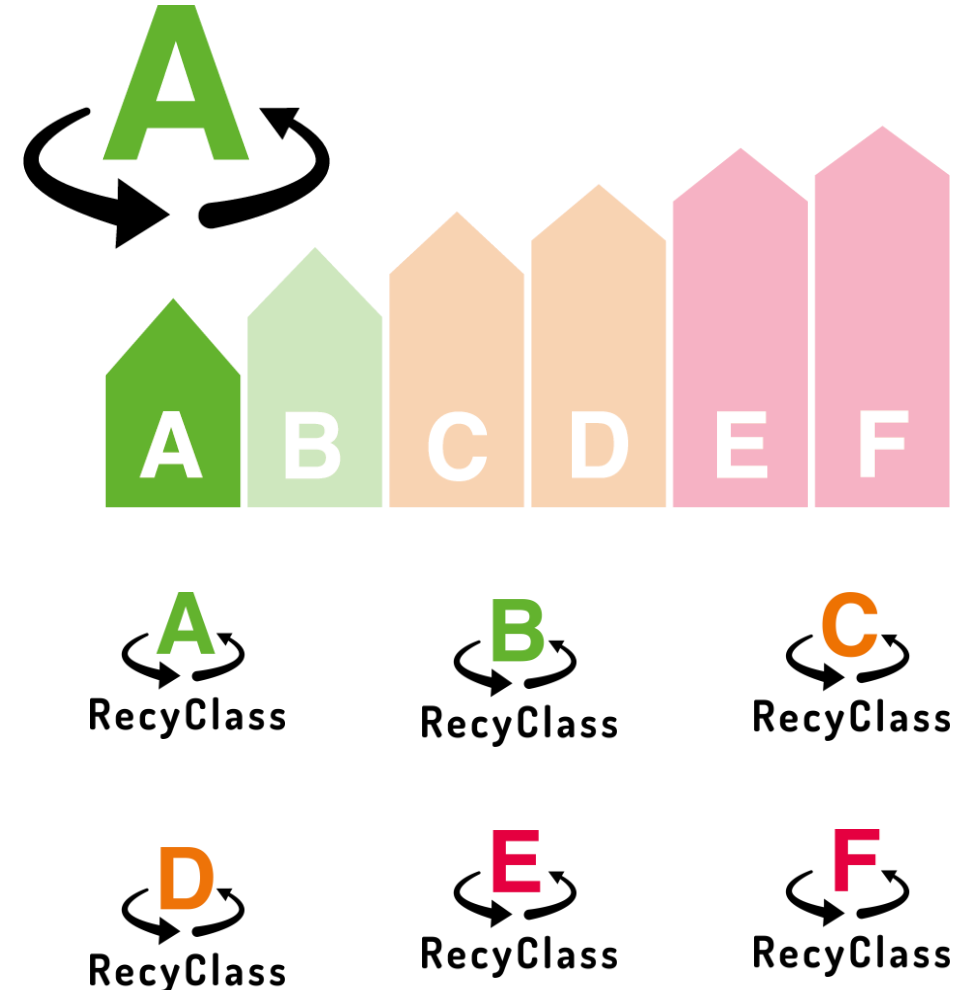
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## RecyClass™

<https://recyclclass.eu/>

The European Value Chain initiative

- Design for Recycling Guidelines
- Online tool for self-assessment
- Evaluation protocols on reprocessing (evaluation protocols)
- Certification methodology
  - Country specific
  - General
- Standardised logo
- Plastic packaging only



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By the Value Chain, for the value chain!



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**1. NEW MATERIALS**

**2. SEMI-FINISHED PACKAGING**

**3. FINAL PACKAGING**

**4. RECYCLED CONTENT**

# RecyClass Approvals & certifications

## 1. NEW MATERIALS

### Laboratory test

#### 1A. Recyclability Evaluation Protocols

Laboratory assessment of the **reprocessability** of **new materials** or material combinations.

*Results can be submitted for RecyClass Technology Approval.*

### Validation of technology

#### 1B. Technology Approval

Validation of a **specific technology** (e.g. functional barrier, adhesive, etc.) with a determined recycling stream. The **lab results** are assessed by the RecyClass **Technical Committees**.

### Validation of features

#### 1C. Product Approvals

Validates the **compatibility** of a **final packaging** (as commercialized) with a determined recycling stream. Mainly **meant for packaging containing new features** which are not yet covered by the guidelines. Assessed by the **Technical Committees**.

*A Technology Approval (1B) and a Product Approval (1C) will lead to integration in the design for recycling guidelines (3A), the RecyClass online tool (3B), and the Recyclability product certification (3C).*

# RecyClass Approvals & certifications



## 2. SEMI-FINISHED PACKAGING

### External verification

#### 2A. Letter-of-Compatibility

Official external assessment of recyclability of a **semi-finished packaging**. Assessment is based on RecyClass Design for Recycling **Guidelines** and operational **sorting tests**.

It classifies the technical recyclability of a semi-finished plastic packaging on the EU market.

**Packaging companies** typically like an assessment on a semi-finished packaging and are looking for a Letter-of-Compliance. Brand owners will turn the semi-finished packaging into a final packaging (3) by adding product, print, labels, etc.

The resulting score for of the semi-finished packaging is typically the maximum possible score of the final packaging.

The score provides a good indication of sorting behaviour and reprocessability.

# RecyClass Approvals & certifications



## 3. FINAL PACKAGING

### Design help

#### 3A. Design for Recycling Guidelines

**Insights** on how to **improve** the recyclability of a packaging. Material combinations, components, etc.

### Self Assessment

#### 3B. Online tool

**Self assessment:** quick scan to check the **theoretical recyclability** of your **complete packaging**.

### External verification

#### 3C. Recyclability product certification

Official **external assessment** of recyclability, based on RecyClass Design for Recycling **Guidelines** and operational **sorting tests**.

##### 3C-A. Design for Recycling Assessment:

It classifies the technical recyclability of a plastic packaging on the EU market.

##### 3C-B. Recyclability Rate Assessment:

It classifies and rates the technical recyclability of a plastic packaging in a specific country for which the assessment is conducted.

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## 4. RECYCLED CONTENT

### Methodology

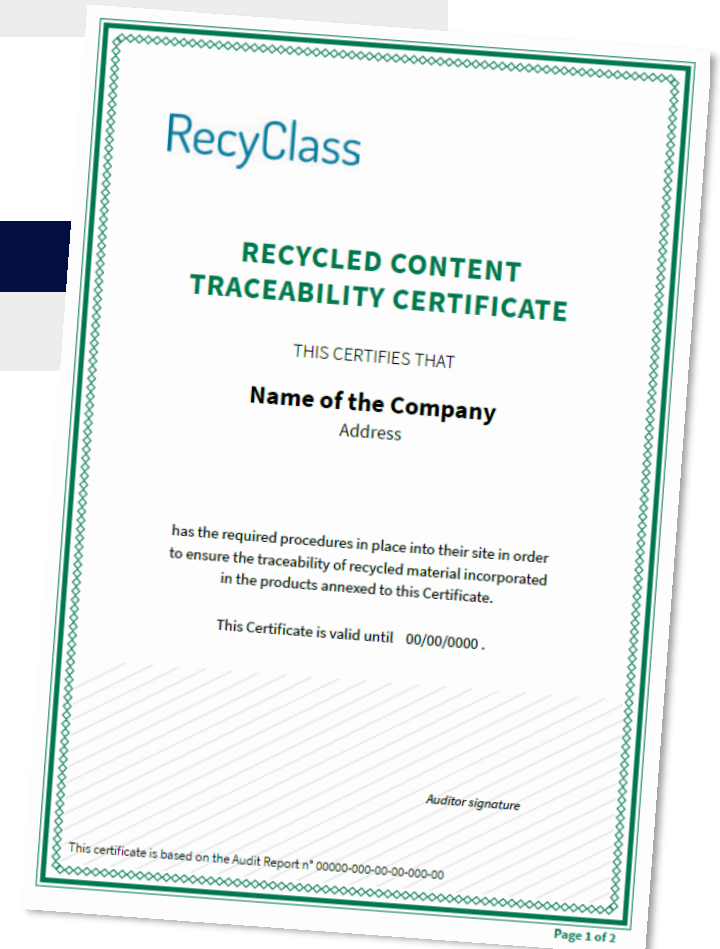
#### 4A. Recycled Content Audit Scheme

Methodology to evaluate and calculate the recycled content used in plastics.

### Verification by Auditing

#### 4B. Recycled Plastics Traceability Certification

The Certification is granted based on the Audit Scheme requirements (4A).  
The Certification is granted after the auditor successfully carries out the on-site audit.





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# Product certification by RecyClass

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# Certifications conform RecyClass

## 1. 'Design for Recycling' Certification

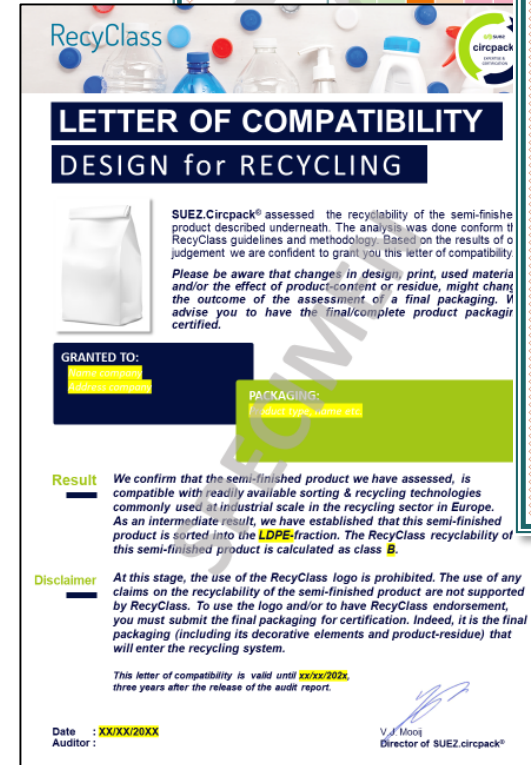
Assessment considering industrial availability of sorting and recycling infrastructure in **Europe**.

## 2. 'Recyclability Rate' Certification

Assessment considering the collection schemes, as well as the industrial availability of sorting and recycling infrastructure in a **specific country**.

## 3. 'Letter of Compatibility' Assessment:

Assessment of a **semi-finished plastic packaging** leading to Recycling Compliance Evaluation and a Letter of compatibility.



# Certifications conform RecyClass

## List of equivalent packaging

Packaging of the same specification but difference in size and printing design can (after a short check) be combined in the annex of the certificate.

**RecyClass™**

**RECYCLABILITY RATE CERTIFICATE**

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

**Your brand**  
Great Yellow Sauce  
HDPE-bottle with PP-cap and IML

Has successfully been certified conform the RecyClass standard.

The packaging scored **54,88 %** recyclability  
This value represents the amount of material that will be effectively recycled during a recycling process.

This certificate is based on the Audit Report n°: 0123456790  
The certificate and its result are valid for: Germany  
Valid\* until 31-01-2023

Vincent Mooij  
Head of SUEZ.circpack®

**RecyClass™**

**LIST OF EQUIVALENT PACKAGING**

Name of the packaging	Reference code	Geographical area
Sweet Mustard	123-456-789	DE, NL, UK
Spicy Mayonnaise	456-789-123	DE, NL, UK
Curry Ketchup	789-456-123	EU + UK

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**LETTER OF COMPATIBILITY DESIGN for RECYCLING**

**GRANTED TO:** [Redacted]

**PACKAGING:** [Redacted]

**Result** We confirm that the semi-finished product we have assessed, is compatible with readily available sorting & recycling technologies commonly used at industrial scale in the recycling sector in Europe. As an intermediate result, we have established that this semi-finished product is sorted into the **LDPE**-fraction. The RecyClass recyclability of this semi-finished product is calculated as class **B**.

**Disclaimer** At this stage, the use of the RecyClass logo is prohibited. The use of any claims on the recyclability of the semi-finished product are not supported by RecyClass. To use the logo and/or to have RecyClass endorsement, you must submit the final packaging for certification. Indeed, it is the final packaging (including its decorative elements and product-residue) that will enter the recycling system.

This letter of compatibility is valid until **xxxx/20xx**, three years after the release of the audit report.

Date: **XX/XX/20XX**  
Auditor: [Redacted]

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**LETTER OF COMPATIBILITY DESIGN for RECYCLING**

**ANNEX: LIST OF EQUIVALENT PACKAGING**

Name of the packaging	Reference code
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12
13	13
14	14
15	15

This letter is based on Evaluation Report n° **XXXXXXXXXX**  
Date: **XX/XX/20XX**

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# Certification conform RecyClass

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**What is required for a recyclability rate assessment:**

- **Sample packaging (100 pieces)**
- **10 complete products incl. packaging (for Easy-to-Empty-test)**
- **Info on materials used. (input-data document)**
- **An agreement with one of the 7 certifying bodies.**





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# Certification of recycled content

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# Certification of recycled content

## Demand is growing:

- EU-laws on minimum recycled content
- Increasing demand from customer
- Many different certification schemes:



# Certification of recycled content



## Still a lot of questions:

- **How will this be implemented in legislation?**
- **What is recycled content?**
  - Post household? Post B2B? Post production? Misbatches?
- **What is post-consumer-recycled (PCR?)**
- **How to check? How to proof?**
- **What if virgin is cheaper than recycled?**



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**Next week: EPR**

**& planning one-1-one sessions**







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**Thank you for your attention!**

*See you next time!*

