

Reaching recycling targets: The need to use 'difficult-to-recycle' streams...

...and ways to get there.

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Recycling: ambitious objectives



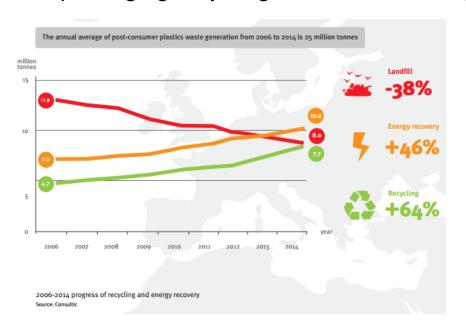


Plastic:

Production: 49 million tons Collection: 25.4 million tons Recycling: 7.7 million tons,

ie 15.7% of production

Plastic packaging recycling rate: 39.5% (average)





Zero landfilling



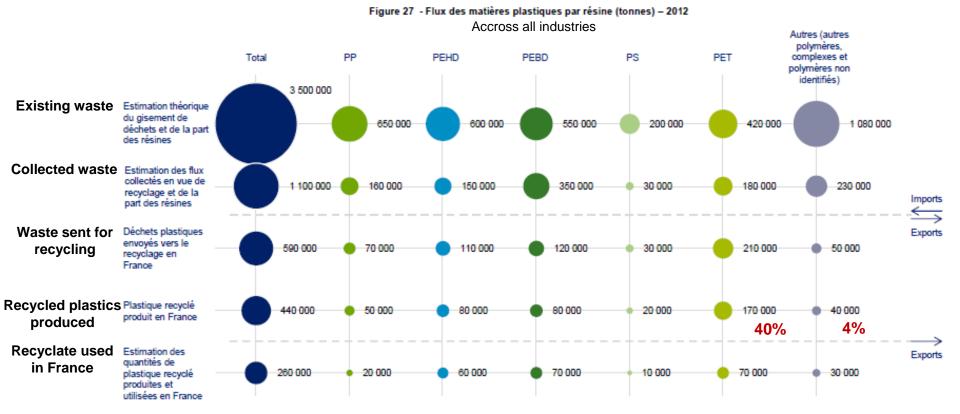
Recycling target: **75%** of packaging waste.



Recycling rate – status and opportunities

example of France





Source: «Analyse de la chaine de valeur du recyclage des plastiques en France», from Deloitte, for 2ACR, ADEME, Ministère de l'économie, de l'industrie et du numérique

- > PET stream well established but 'only' 40% recycling rate:
 - → to be improved beyond bottles
- 'Others' almost not exploited today
 - → Develop valuable applications (example of multilayer films)

Where do we go from here?



RECYCLING IS THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR PLASTIC PACKAGING



Plastics recycling today works well for packaging which is easy to collect and sort, for example for plastic bottles and commercial packaging films Recycling technology for plastics is still at an early stage since plastics is the youngest material. In order to realise its full potential, more innovation in plastics recycling technology is needed



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Recycling 'difficult' streams: from opportunity to reality



Examples:

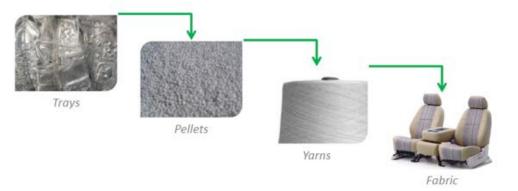
- PET thermoforms
 - PE contamination in PET stream
 - Low viscosity of PET thermoforms
- Multilayer films
- PVB from laminated glass

Recycling Thermoformed PET (1/2)

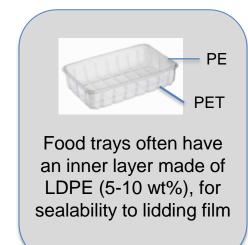


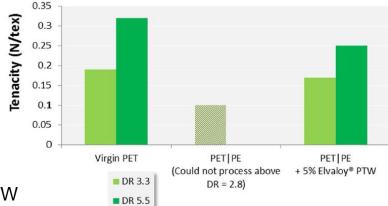
Issue 1: Presence of LDPE contaminant within PET stream

- Large quantities of PET/PE currently unused, or under-exploited (low value applications).
- PET/PE waste made suitable for high performance fibers applications:



- Study by Centexbel institute, Be
- Addition of Elvaloy® PTW enables processability of Post Consumer 'PET/PE' waste, even at high draw ratio
- > Fibers' tenacity significantly improved thanks to Elvaloy® PTW





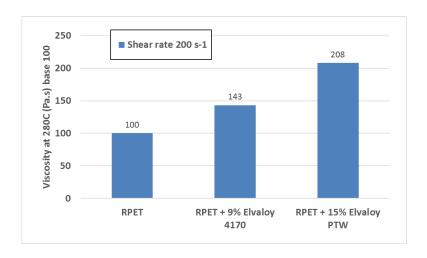
- Without compatibiliser: no stable extrusion process
- With compatibiliser: increase in tenacity, in par with virgin PET

Recycling Thermoformed PET (2/2)



Issue 2: Low viscosity of PET thermoforms

- Flakes from PET trays and trims, is difficult to reprocess due to low viscosity.
- Typically, large percentage of flakes from bottles is needed to reach required viscosity (eg in Cast Sheet process: 70% bottle flakes / 30 % TF flakes).



- Addition of Elvaloy® terpolymer boosts viscosity to required levels.
- It enables use of larger percentage of PET thermoforms in recycled blend, for various applications.

























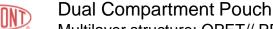
Recycling multilayers / multiplastics films (1/2)



The «Virtous Circle» Project:







Multilayer structure: OPET// PE // Surlyn® AD8273





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Stiffness Puncture resistance Printability Tight sealing (no leaking) frangible middle seal: to be open at time of consumption



- ✓ Providing safe meals, even in remote areas
- ✓ Saving resources vs conventional feeding system:

 Up to 40% less CO2, 80% less water and, 50% less energy





Recycling multilayer films into high quality planks



Multilayer recyclate + Saw dust + DuPont compatibilisers





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The «Virtous Circle» Project:



Recycling multilayers / multiplastics films (2/2)



Company: recycler / producer in Poland

Waste source:

Multilayer PE/PA films
Post industrial waste (trims, start up rolls, out of specs)



Fusabond® M603 compatibilizer

- ensures homogeneity between dissimilar polymers
- stable processing
- good mechanical properties

End application:

Ground reinforcement crates, by Injection Moulding process

Status:

Scale-up phase, turning commercial in 2017









Recycling PVB

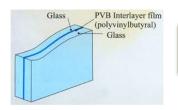


PVB used in safety laminated glass Growing, high value market





Post-use: Separation of PVB and glass layers Recycling capability installed > 20 000t



rPVB pellets =
Outstanding polymer
modifier (impact,
plastification...)





New applications



example

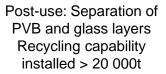
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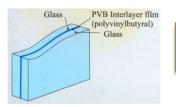


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Other (recycled) Compatibiliser polymer matrix



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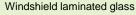


example

Use rPVB as impact modifier for PP

- Compound (recycled) PP with recycled PVB
- PVB acts as an outstanding modifier for improved impact strength of PP matrix
- Entira™ EP 1754 compatibiliser is needed (5%) to ensure homogeneity between PP matrix and PVB modifier.
- Examples of commercial applications:



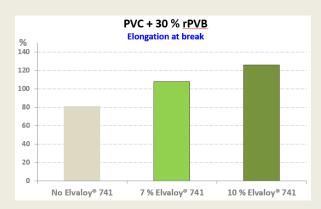




Auto sound deadening part

Use rPVB as plastifier for PVC flooring

- rPVB is a very efficient plastifier for PVC, or rPVC.
- It is non-migrating and does not contain phtalathes.
- It is very cost efficient compared to standard plasticisers.
- Use of Elvaloy(R) compatibiliser (7-10%) ensure homogeneity between PVC matric and PVB.





Thank you for your attention



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