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Enhancing Demand for recyclates

Characterisation for recycled PE-LD Pellets

Plastic Recyclers Europe and VKC-CENTEXBEL collaborated on the elaboration characterisation of recycled PE-LD pellets, which provides a framework for the quality assessment of the pellets. It aims at enhancing demand for recycled plastics by providing standardized methods to evaluate quality based on EU standards.

Testing was carried out at the polymer lab of VKC-CENTEXBEL, an expert in the field of plastic R&D. The results enabled elaborating best available techniques to determine recycled PE-LD quality. These techniques are included in the characterisation document.

Ton Emans, PRE President & PE-LD Working Group Chairman, said: "Setting a scientifically grounded benchmark for quality of recycled PE-LD pellets is the first step towards plastic circularity as conceived by the Plastic Strategy," he added: "Clear and transparent standards give greater confidence in the value of recyclates and thus enhance demand for recycled plastic. This initiative improves the transparency and credibility of recycled plastics."

PRE's aim is to drive plastic recycling progress by developing further standardisation and assessment of pellets' quality for other plastic types and specific end-applications. Driving quality and demand for recyclates is key to make plastic circular.

About Plastics Recyclers Europe

Plastics Recyclers Europe is the professional representative body of plastics recyclers in Europe. PRE promotes plastics mechanical recycling and conditions that enable profitable and sustainable business, while offering a service platform to its members.

Our members constitute 80% of the European recycling capacity, processing more than 3 million tonnes of collected plastics per year

Recycled PE-LD pellets characterization

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