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## Russia proposes ban on PET beer packaging

The Russian government has proposed a ban on PET beer packaging since 2011 as an attempt to curb drinking in the country. PET bottles should be limited to <1.5% alcohol content. According to local reports, the market share of PET packaging in Russia is estimated at 50%. A ban may also have a negative impact on the water and soft drinks businesses, and on local producers of polymers.

Petcore Europe sent a formal letter - co-signed by EFBW for bottled waters, Unesda for soft drinks and the Brewers of Europe - to ARPET, the Russian counterpart of Petcore Europe. We received the following message back from ARPET:

*"Thank you very much for quick response! I am sure that this letter will help us, because this letter is very informative and understandable for all kinds of officials and our opponents. It is very important for us, because now we can officially refer to this information. Many thanks to you and your colleagues from all Russian PET industry."*



## Japanese PET delegation visits Petcore Europe



Tetsuo Miyazawa, Atsushi Ohira, Shuichi Koshio, Koji Nakamachi and Patrick Peuch

On 11 June, delegates from the Japan PET Bottle Association visited Petcore Europe during their Europe tour. Views and best practices on PET recycling and other topics were exchanged and discussed.

## Threat of PET ban in India

In our last newsletter, we reported about the attempt of the Indian government to ban the use of PET in a range of packaging. Petcore Europe coordinated the response of the European PET value chain to this threat, sending a letter co-signed by EFBW and UNESDA to the Indian authorities, to PCMA, the PET Container Manuf. Assoc., and to AIPMA, India Plastics Manuf. Assoc., who are key petitioners in the case.



In view of the huge number of petitioners in the case, the Court hearing was postponed from May to mid-July. We will keep you informed regarding further developments.

## Petcore Europe's two new task forces

Following the Petcore Europe Workshop on Recycling PET Thermoforms (reported in last newsletter) on 11 March, a **Thermoforms Working Group** has been established. This WG, comprised of some of the most important players of the industry, works specifically on updating the state-of-the-art in PET thermoforms life-cycle, including design-for-recycling, packaging technologies, collection, sorting and recycling technologies. We have created an **extranet in the member section of the Petcore Europe website to which all WG and Petcore Europe members have access** in order to view documents, minutes and presentations of this working group.

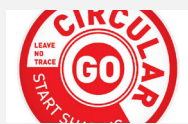
Our **second task force will deal with heavy coloured or opaque PET**, which is in strong demand in new applications such as milk bottles and detergents. Currently recyclers process mainly transparent or light coloured PET. Petcore Europe therefore decided in its Board meeting on 18 June to create a task force specifically dedicated to this issue. **If you are interested in joining this task force, please send until 30 August an email to Eva Schneider, [eva.schneider@petcore-europe.org](mailto:eva.schneider@petcore-europe.org).**



## Circular Economy

The European Commission launched a public consultation on the Circular Economy open until 20 August. The package developed last year was scrapped in its original form by the new Commission which promised a more ambitious proposal, with a broader scope across the whole life cycle of products and addressing the performance disparities amongst the various EU Member States.

The new proposal is expected to be released at the end of this year, and will be one of the key themes of our Petcore Europe Conference on 24 November. **The consultation is open to everyone: [http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/closing\\_the\\_loop\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/closing_the_loop_en.htm)**



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