Standardization work in progress on PET packaging recyclability

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Too many recyclability guidelines in Europe! (non exhaustive list)







National pact guidelines

















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National "recyclability" definitions (non exhaustive list)



French definition by law for communication purpose, link with EPR methodology, Cotrep for plastic packaging



German approach for design and bonus/malus system, based on single methodology and experts



Recueil des textes légaux et réglementaires de l'Agence suédoise de protection de l'environnement

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Règlement de l'Agence suédoise de protection de l'environnement sur la détermination des taxes sur les emballages en tenant compte de la recyclabilité; NFS 2022:

adopté le XX janvier 2023.

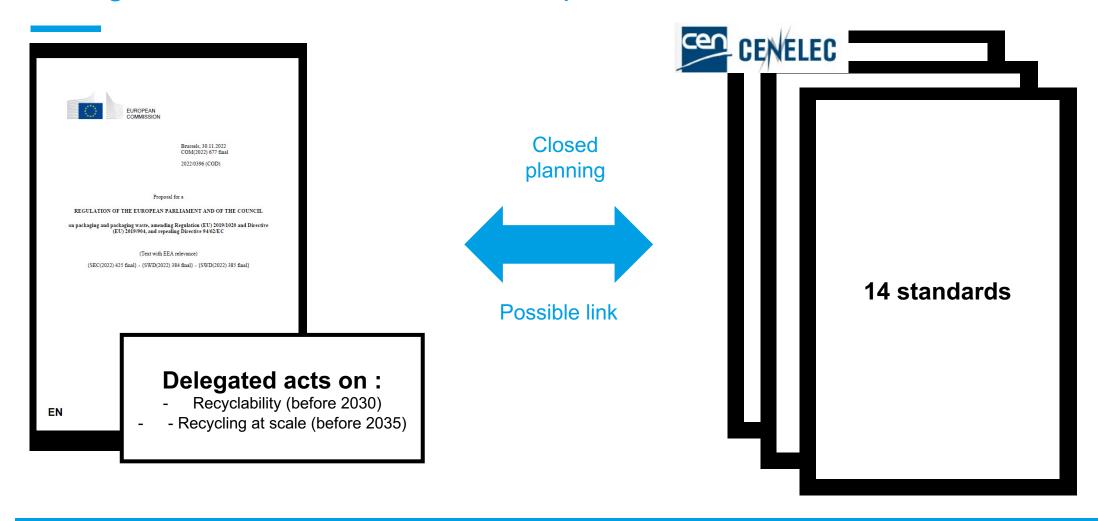
L'Agence suédoise de protection de l'environnement établit¹ ci-après, en vertu du chapitre 5, section 30 de l'ordonnance (2022:1274) sur la responsabilité du producteurs pour l'emballage.

Champ d'application

Artikel 1 Ce règlement contient des dispositions sur la façon dont une organisation compétente en matière de responsabilité des producteurs (PRO) doit tenir compte de la recyclabilité d'un emballage lors du calcul de la taxe sur l'emballage qu'un producteur paie à une organisation de responsabilité

Swedish draft law for packaging design, which introduce the 5% rule barrier and foreign material

Strong need of harmonization at European level



Moving from « voluntary » design criteria to enforced one to reach 100% of recyclable packaging

How standards will be used after 2030?

PPWR article 6 uses "recyclability" to allow/ban packaging from the market in 2030 and modulate ERP fees

PPWR article 11 on communication doesn't mention recyclability, so this aspect won't be harmonized at European level through PPWR (some countries have national law on that point).

Packaging ban

2030 : a packaging will be banned from the market if it reaches a grade E (or D for the Council) = recyclability score < 70%

Our standards define the recyclability score methodology and say a red constituent conducts to a recyclability score of 0%

Ecomodulation

EPR fees are approximately 10% of the price of an empty packaging in 2022

2030 : apply a modulation of the fee based on the grade

Grades are partially based on recyclability score developed by WG10

Our ambition

Deliver consensual standards which could be used by PPWR

A unique opportunity for plastic packaging

Standardization planning

	06/23	07/23	08/23	09/23	10/23	11/23	12/23	01/24	02/24	03/24	04/24	05/24	06/24	07/24	08/24	09/24	10/24	11/24	12/24	01/25	02/25		08/25
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NSB inquiry on wording, WG10 isn't concerned																					24/02		
NSB final votes																						05/05 30/06	
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- PPWR planning: 18/12/23 Council following by the trilogue, could be voted before end of 2024
- Delegated act on recyclability: 3 years after PPWR (2027)

WG10 organization

PET bottles (2 standards)

PETCORE

PET rigid (2 standards)

SULAYR

PE & PP rigid
(2 standards)

PCEP

PE & PP flexible (2 standards)

CEFLEX

PS rigid (2 standards)

SYNDIFRAIS

EPS (2 standards)

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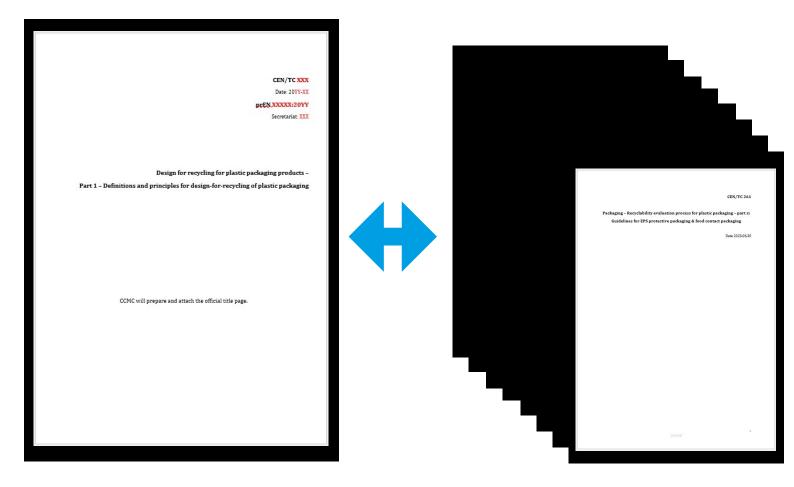
Methodology (2 standards)

CITEO

Sorting (1 standard)

P&G

How do 15 standards work together?



Part 1 Parts 2-15

Vigilant to align all parts with the part 1 on:

- Definitions
- Wording
- A packaging which is recycled day by day without high negative impact should be classified in green and yellow column rule
- Recyclability score calculation

PET bottle – part 4 and part 10



- Draft proposals from the Circular Plastic Alliance, based on EPBP
- 3 traffic light tables : clear, colored and opaque
- Based on sorting center behavior + mechanical bottle to bottle recycling

On-going discussions:

- Bottle to fiber recycling still exists, does it impact our guidelines?
- What about "other PET" and polyester than APET used for beverage and detergent bottles?
- White opaque or opaque?
- The protocol is to broad and need more precisions for future users

PET bottle – part 5 and part 11



- Draft proposals from the Circular Plastic Alliance, based on EPBP
- 5 traffic light tables: clear mono, clear PET/PE, colored, white opaque and clear PET specialties (injected packaging, tubes...)
- Based on sorting center behavior + mechanical bottle to bottle recycling (reference plants depend on the traffic light table).

On-going discussions:

- Do we consider chemical recycling?
- What about "other PET" and polyester than APET used for thermoforms?
- Good base for mono PET packaging recycling protocol with TCEP, how to adapt it for PET/PE trays?