

PLASTIC PACKAGING IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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PLASTICS HAVE A GREAT SUSTAINABILITY STORY



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2018 WAS A 'A TALE OF TWO WORLDS' FOR THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY

The Queen bans single-use plastic on Royal estates

Read of a training will be phased out, biodegrade/de packaging will be used and water will be nerved in gives bottles.

China: Scrap imports down 12 percent due to ban

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China's top environmental official has quantified the reduction in scrap materials flowing into the country as a result of recent restrictores. He also spoke publicly about the market fallout and the criticism China has received for enacting its reforms.

Sanjie, China's minister of environmental stection, sold imports of sol d waste, which is asily understood to refer to scrap and waste

naterials, dropped by 12 percent in 2017. He <u>offered</u> Li Ganjie, Chind's minister of environmental be figure during a March 17 press conference held in protection

conjunction with the 13th National People's Congress. It's the latest figure charting the global

scrap movement shift away from China. It follows data released in January that shows Southeast Asian countries have boosted their imports in response.

1/3 of all food is wasted 200.000 new mouths to feed every day

GLOBAL BRANDS DRIVING NEED FOR SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Spring '19: 350+ Signatories to the Ellen MacCarthur Foundation's <u>New Plastics Economy</u> All CPG's, retail and packaging producing signatories (107) have committed to making 100% of their plastic packaging **reusable, recyclable or compostable by 2025**. And CPG's and retailers have committed to an average of **25% recycled content by 2025**

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Plastic Pkg Volume Metric tonnes	287 K	750 K	40 K	ND	ND	ND	129 K	1,7 MM	ND	90 K	ND	3,0 MM	610 K	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

BALANCE IN MATERIALS MOVING FORWARD CREATES OPPORTUNITY

- Sustainability drivers and market demands for recycled materials slow growth of virgin
- Virgin growth is reduced by recycled materials – a participation strategy shift for PE manufacturers
- Large scale and positive economics should accelerate feedstock recycling

By 2050, nearly 60 percent of plastics production could be based on plastics reuse and recycling.

¹Scenario based on a multi-stakeholder push to boost recycling, regulatory measures to encourage recycling, consistent progress on technologies, and \$75-per-barrel oil price.

²Compound annual growth rate. Mechanical recycling limited by downcycling and applicable materials, monomerization limited by applicability to condensation polymers only, pyrolysis limited by likely rise in input costs. ³After demand reduction, assuming annual global GDP growth of 3.1%.

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A PLASTICS CIRCULAR ECONOMY : SCOPE AND CHALLENGES

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- Partnerships are key and creating opportunities across the value chain, including the waste management infrastructure
- Converting packages from hard-to-recycle to recyclable
- Adoption / piloting of technologies for chemical recycling / feedstock recovery
- Acquisition of recycling companies to increase both the quality as well as availability of materials to meet CPG company goals

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HIERARCHY OF PACKAGING RECYCLING

Designed for lowest environmental impact

Develop and support reuse formats

Invest & collaborate on global waste management infrastructure to improve recovery

Continue to increase recyclability and stimulate recycling markets All Flexible Films Recovered and Recycled (includes chemical and mechanical)

Industrial Flexible Films in Closed Loop

Industrial Flexible Films Recycled to Durables

Rigid Packaging Recycled to Durables

MATERIALS RECOVERY FOR THE FUTURE: A RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE

• Members of The Materials Recovery for the Future Collaborative share a simple vision:

"Flexible packaging is recovered, and the recovery community captures value from it."

• We are leading research to advance understanding of how flexible plastic packaging can be effectively sorted for recovery

The Association of Plastic Recyclers

Sealed Air

MATERIAL SCIENCE OF RECYCLED MATERIALS

- **Mechanical recycling:** method by which waste material is recycled into "new" raw material without changing the basic structure of the material
- Waste materials: Post Industrial Resin (PIR) and Post Consumer Resin (PCR)

DEVELOPING MARKETS FOR RECOVERED PLASTIC FILMS

Improving roads with recycled plastic

Paving a new way

Building and improving roads and infrastructure is critical in both emerging and developing regions. Dow is working with partners around the globe to construct polymer-modified asphalt roads with postconsumer recycled plastic.

Benefits:

- 1. Longer term performance in asphalt roads
- 2. Reduction in GHG emissions associated with traditional processes.
- 3. Broad applicability across states, cities, and counties.

HIERARCHY OF SOLUTIONS

FEEDSTOCK RECYCLING

NEEDS FOR A PLASTICS CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- Funding is needed for fundamental Process R&D to facilitate scale-up of chemical transformation technologies such as pyrolysis and gasification, which can be used to convert used, otherwise non-recycled plastics into feedstocks for the manufacture of new basic materials. Improvements in reactor design and process control for improved heat transfer and reduced reactor fouling can allow larger conversion units to operate more reliably and economically.
- Regulatory support must be provided for these technologies to be classified as "recycling" so that facilities can be permitted and operated as manufacturing plants rather than as waste treatment facilities.
- Definitions for recycling and recycled content must include all types of recycling processes: traditional mechanical recycling (making pellets by chopping, washing, and pelletizing), chemical recycling (depolymerization to make polymers into feedstocks for re-polymerization), advanced cleaning (solvent dissolution, separation of polymers, removal of contaminations), and other future technologies.
- Goals and commitments should include the use of recycled content in products in addition to materials being designed as "recyclable" in order to assure that recyclable products actually get recycled after their initial use.

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