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Computer-aided design of safe Food packaging with maximized recycled content





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Q3: HOW TO DESIGN FOR WASTE REDUCTION AND FUTURE RECYCLABILITY?

> NEW RULES ARE COMING

With more risks and opportunities – good practices are imperative

French anti-waste law 2020-105

Draft order specifying the substances contained in mineral oils whose use is prohibited on packaging and in printing for the public

Public consultation: 49 comments

http://www.consultations-publiques.developpementdurable.gouv.fr/projet-d-arrete-precisant-les-substances-contenuesa2559.html



Food safety – recycled plastic in food packaging (updated 282/2008)

- transitional provisions,
- provisions for the appropriate evaluation of non-PET materials
- clear obligations for operators and competent authorities.

Public consultation: 96 comments

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-yoursay/initiatives/12013-Food-safety-recycled-plastic-in-food-packagingupdated-rules-__en



INGLE-USE PLASTICS



In preparation

Draft act

Feedback period 06 December 2021 - 18 January 2022 FEEDBACK: CLOSED

UPCOMING

Commission adoption
Planned for
First quarter 2022



> SOURCING, DESIGN AND RECYCLING ARE LINKED DECISIONS

Beyond food contact



- Traceability?
- Purity?
- Integrity?

statista Field Actions Science Reports. 2019. 19. Reinventing Plastics.

> ENABLING MORE RECYCLED STREAMS TO BE USED







Recycled+ **Decontaminated+++** Food Grade++

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> ENABLING MORE RECYCLED STREAMS TO BE USED

while offering the same safety



Mathematical problem: $C_F(Fo_{eq}, \Delta_H) = C_F^{bf}(Fo_{eq}, \Delta_L)$

with

Fo

 $\Delta_H < \Delta_L$

$$Fo = \int_0^t \frac{D[T(t)]_{layer}^{recycled} dt}{l^2}$$



Fo=0

 C_F^{bf}

econtaminated + Δ_L

Fo



p. 9

Ref.	
Fang et al. Macromolecules 2013, 46, 3, 874	10-1
Zhu et al. Soft Matter, 2019,15, 891	10

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Dry PET

plasticized PET

 3.5×10^{-18}

 5×10^{-16}

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 10^{3}

time (days)

> **BENEFITS OF FUNCTIONAL BARRIERS (if well used)**

> Effect of the number of rings on the concept of equivalent safety

> Duration with equivalent safety for rPP

Functional barrier: "dry" PET (plasticized PET)

> TOWARDS A NEW CONCEPT OF FUNCTIONAL BARRIERS

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> TYPICAL EXAMPLE: post-consumer PET (not decontaminated)

> SIGNAL FILTERING, ENCODING AND RECONSTRUCTION

128

8

2

Scales 35

> INVARIANCE WITH CONCENTRATION (e.g. oligomers)

IDENTIFICATION OF A SIGNAL WITH REGULAR EXPRESSIONS: [AX]+[BZ]+

reconstruct a map of 12 samples based on the distances between those samples

> RANKING AN UNKNOWN SAMPLE AMONG 12

- Food grade and commercially available PET (A & B)
- Post consumer mixed origin PET flakes (E, F, G, H & I)
- Post consumer food origin PET flakes (M, N, O, P & Q)
- Unknown PET sample (U)

> IDENTIFICATION OF CONTAMINATION PATHWAYS

Distance built from the mutual information theorem and the full space of chemicals: $H(s_p, s_f)$

SOME TAKEAWAYS

Why the computers are becoming essential to the circular economy

- The flow of materials and streams must be followed by a flow of compliance information
- The complexity is too high to be managed routinely (large variability)
- Lack of focus on the final article and food application
- Interactions with competing use of recycled plastics
- Providing incentives to develop safer and more sustainable solutions (free software)
- Starts with education

> UPGRADED FMECAengine

for the optimization of shapes and functional barrier thicknesses Ongoing SafeFoodPackaging Portal (pure Python): <u>https://github.com/ovitrac/SFPPy</u>

Module. Amsterdam, NL: Elsevier; 2019.

VIRTUAL OPTIMIZATION of miniature PET bottles for alcoholic beverages served in planes >

- For each design (300×300) , the detailed 3D geometry is optimized to
- The prescribed capacity
- A weight loss lower than 1% after one year
- A variation of **alcoholic strength** lower than 0.3% after one year
- The amount of recycled PET
- **Mechanical resistance**
- Risk of fire

> Train yourself to become green

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Three months online curriculum on packaging design https://fitness.agroparistech.fr/

> THINK HARD ABOUT TOLERANCES AND LINKED DECISIONS

CIRCULAR ECONOMY MAY INTRODUCE SYSTEMIC RISKS

