

	FULL COMPATIBILITY	LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NON-COMPATIBILITY	
MATERIAL COMPOSITION (TOTAL AMOUNT OF PP & AMOUNT OF PE ATTACHMENTS IN THE PACKAGING)	A >= 95%, B >= 80% and all packaging features are FULLY compatible with recycling	C >= 70% and all packaging features are FULLY compatible with recycling	Non-recyclable < 70 % and all packaging features are FULLY compatible with recycling	
DESCRIPTION (TEST PROTOCOL)	Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact**** OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in PP recycling	Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met**** OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with PP recycling	Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with PP recycling	
DESCRIPTION (METHODOLOGY)	In case of at least one limited compatibility one penalty is applied, lowering the recyclability class from A to B or from B to C	In case of at least one limited compatibility one penalty is applied, lowering the recyclability class from C to non-recyclable	Non-recyclable	
MAIN BODY	MATERIAL*	Oriented and non-oriented PP (including PP-plastomers)	Multilayer PP/PE with PE <= 10 %	Any other polymer (ex. PET, PVC, etc.)
	COLOURS	Unpigmented; transparent	Light colours; translucent colours	Dark colours; black; carbon black
	SIZE	Packaging surface > 100 cm²	Packaging surface between 30 and 100 cm² (sorting test)	Packaging surface < 30 cm²
	PRODUCT RESIDUES (EASY TO EMPTY INDEX)	A if the index is < 5 %; B if the index is < 10 %	C if the index is < 15 %	Index is >= 15 %
	BARRIER	SiOx and AlOx without additional coatings	<= 5 % EVOH (in polyolefinic combination film)	> 5 % EVOH (in polyolefinic combination film); Barrier layer PVC, PVDC, PA; AlOx coating with PVOH primer; any other barrier layer; metallisation; aluminium
	ADDITIVES	Additives that do not increase the density higher than 0,97 g/cm³		PBT Voiding Agent; Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives; foaming agents used as expandant chemical agents; Additives that do increase the density higher than 0,97 g/cm² (CaCO3, talc, glass fibers, etc.)
	LAMINATING ADHESIVES	Aliphatic polyurethanes <= 2.3 %; Laminating adhesives approved as fully compatible by RecyClass; To be tested if in combination with a barrier material other than EVOH	Aliphatic polyurethanes between 2.3 % and 4.5 %; Water-based acrylics <= 2.5 %; Laminating adhesives approved as limited compatible by RecyClass; To be tested if in combination with a barrier material other than EVOH	Aliphatic polyurethanes > 4.5 %; Water-based acrylics > 2.5 %; Aromatic polyurethanes; Laminating adhesives specially developed for high thermal applications above boiling and/or for high chemical resistance (to be tested); Any other laminating adhesives
ATTACHMENTS	CLOSURE SYSTEM	PP (including PP-plastomers)	PE	Metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, non PO or foams with density < 1 g/cm³
	LINERS, SEALS AND VALVES	PP (including PP-plastomers)	PE, removable aluminium liddings	Metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, foiled paper, non PO or foams with density < 1 g/cm³
	OTHER COMPONENTS	PP (including PP-plastomers)	PE	Metal, aluminium, PVC, PET, PETG, PS, PLA, paper, foams with density < 1 g/cm³
DECORATION	FACESTOCK LABEL MATERIAL	PP	PE	Metallized labels, any other; paper labels
	ADHESIVES FOR LABELS	Water soluble or water-releasable at less than 40°C		Adhesives non-soluble in water or non-releasable in water at less than 40°C
	INKS**	Retentive inks compliant with EuPIA Exclusion Policy; Printed production or expiry date	Printing with coverage < 50 %**	Bleeding inks; Inks non-compliant with EuPIA Exclusion Policy; PVC co- and terpolymer binders; Any other chlorinated binders; Printing covering > 50% ***
	OTHER DECORATIVE TECHNOLOGIES	Laser marking for production or expiry date	Laser marking with coverage < 50 %***	

RECYCLED CONTENT: No change in the recyclability assessment. A separate '[Recycled Plastics Traceability Certification](#)' based on a Chain of Custody approach is available with RecyClass

* Polymer resin can be either fossil- or bio-based, virgin or recycled.

** Nitrocellulose (NC) based inks impact on recyclability is under investigation by RecyClass.

*** Temporary solution

**** Approved technologies can be found [here](#)

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