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## RIGK's Integral Approach to Sustainable Plastic Recycling and Effective Circular Economy

Dear Sir or Madam,

After an eventful year in 2023, marked by significant milestones and groundbreaking developments in a partially challenging industry, we at RIGK are looking optimistically towards the future. In this dynamic phase, we have responded by substantially expanding our scope of activities. The successful start of the Verena-SYSTEM, the strategic establishment of the PlastCert department and the successful integration of Hannawald Plastik GmbH last year enables RIGK to cover the entire spectrum of the plastic lifecycle - from Design for Recycling to the distribution of recyclates. This comprehensive approach forms the basis of our vision for an efficient circular economy. With **clear goals for 2024**, we aim to strengthen this approach further and make a sustainable contribution to a future-proof circular economy.

In this newsletter, we would also like to introduce **RIGK's compass for sustainable packaging disposal**, guiding you through our tailored solutions for producers, packers/fillers, and consumers through our take-back systems. Additionally, we provide insights into how **RIGK, as an industry partner**, contributes to successfully fulfilling complex legal requirements in the packaging sector through efficient take-back systems and professional advice. We also offer an overview of **tax regulations for plastic packaging in Europe**, particularly in light of the postponed plastic tax in Germany to 2025.

We are delighted to announce that you can also get acquainted with our **comprehensive approach at IFAT 2024**, the world's leading trade fair for water, sewage, waste and raw materials management. We look forward to making another statement for innovation and sustainability in plastic recycling on this global stage,

... because our actions now determine the world of tomorrow.

We wish you an insightful read!

**Markus Dambeck**

Chairman of the Management Board, RIGK GmbH



### Global Commitment: RIGK Pursues a Closed Loop for Plastic Recycling

With an integral approach and ambitious goals for 2024, RIGK continues its commitment to sustainable plastic recycling and an effective circular economy in the new year. Markus Dambeck, Chairman of the Management Board, emphasizes the objective of further increasing the take-back volumes and boosting the use of recyclates. Jan Bauer, Managing Director, highlights the global mission that extends across borders to promote an efficient circular economy, reduce CO2 emissions, and ensure a sustainable management of resources. Learn more about RIGK's commitment to each stage of the plastic lifecycle and its global efforts for a sustainable circular economy.

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### Compass for sustainable packaging disposal: Tailored Solutions for Efficient Recycling

Are you familiar with this practical feature on our website? RIGK's compass for sustainable packaging disposal provides a clear overview of our take-back systems for packaging and plastic products from the industrial, commercial, and agricultural sectors. How do I find the suitable system for my packaging? The compass straightforwardly guides you to the appropriate solution, assisting in efficiently fulfilling legal take-back and recycling obligations.

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### RIGK as an Industry Partner: Professional Support for Packaging Takeback

According to Article 15 of the Packaging Act (VerpackG), transport and secondary packaging must be taken back and recycled, too. In a OnePager, RIGK clarifies the obligations and how we support companies with our efficient take-back systems and professional advice. From information requirements to financial obligations, we cover all aspects. With our extensive experience, we aim to relieve companies and contribute collaboratively to the promotion of a circular economy.

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### Postponement of the German Plastic Tax until 2025 – Overview of Tax Regulations for Plastic Packaging in Europe

The planned tax for plastic packaging producers in Germany has been postponed until 2025. From an international perspective, RIGK highlights how other EU countries have already taken action in this area. In the United Kingdom, a tax on plastic packaging was introduced in 2022, applying to those that do not contain at least 30% recyclate. In the last financial year, it generated 323 million euros for the British government. Since 2023, Spain has imposed a plastic tax without a minimum for the recyclate requirement, based on the amount of non-recycled plastic content. But to what extent do these taxes influence the packaging landscape and the use of recyclates? We provide an overview of the tax regulations for plastic packaging in the UK, Spain and Italy.

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