



RIGK Industry Reporter

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Dir Sir or Madam,

A special year for everyone is slowly coming to an end, and you are receiving RIGK's last Industry Newsletter for 2022.

The challenges for the industry are immense, and all the more important are innovative and future-driven solutions to overcome them. A circular economy and functioning recycling systems are essential to conserve resources, protect the climate and comply with the legal framework.

The legislator sets the framework conditions for this at national and European levels. One important novelty is the **documentation obligation** for all packaging put into the German market, which has been in effect since the amendment of the German Packaging Act in 2022. For the first time in 2023, fillers/distributors must document the amount of packaging put into circulation each year as well as the packaging taken back and recycled to the authorities in verifiable form broken down by packaging material and quantity.

If you participate in RIGK's take-back systems, you can easily comply with the documentation obligation via the annual notification of packaging quantities to RIGK. Should the state authority responsible for you request a proof, we will provide you with detailed documentation in an uncomplicated manner.

Read further interesting articles on the establishment of a Spanish take-back system, our involvement in industry associations and the new recycling service for agricultural Big Bags in the current newsletter.

Because our actions now will decide the world of tomorrow!

Enjoy reading this newsletter.

Markus Dambeck
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New Spanish take-back system for commercial and industrial packaging

Since the middle of the year, Spanish legislation has focused on the obligation of extended producer responsibility (EPR) for industrial and commercial packaging. This should lead to the strengthening of existing recycling structures and establishing new extended producer responsibility systems that operate recovery management on a national level. For this purpose, RIGK cooperates with the industrial association Cicloplast in an advisory capacity through its know-how in the development of take-back systems and is involved in the introduction of the Spanish take-back system Envalora, which was newly founded in October.

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New RIGK take-back system: VerenaA

In January 2023, a new RIGK system for the agricultural sector, the VerenaA-SYSTEM, will start. VerenaA stands for Packaging Recovery for Agriculture – **Verpackungsentsorgung Agrar** – and is the joint solution provided by industry associations and RIGK for the environmentally friendly takeback and recycling of Big Bags used in the agricultural sector. Farmers can use the system to drop off their used and empty FIBCs (Big Bags) of non-hazardous products, such as seeds or fertilisers, free of charge.

[> Learn more here](#)



"Plastics – The Facts 2022" – Databases on plastics production and recycling

The new report "Plastics – The Facts 2022" has now been published and presents a detailed analysis of the latest data on the production, demand, processing, and waste management of plastics in Europe. The report, which is published annually by the industry association Plastics Europe, refers in this year's edition to data from 2021 for the EU member states plus Norway, Switzerland and the UK.

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PROREP - Take-back system for industrial packaging in Chile clears hurdle for operational launch

In Chile, too, recycling, resource conservation and the circular economy are important topics for achieving the climate goals. In order to implement the extended producer responsibility, the Chilean state authority has now officially confirmed the foundation and statutes of PROREP as a collective management system for commercial and industrial packaging. RIGK is acting as an advisory body for the establishment of the take-back system.

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RIGK environmental sign

Since the middle of the year, RIGK has made a new environmental sign available to its customers. With this sign, the participating companies can prove to their customers in a simple and concise manner that they act sustainably and fulfil their product or producer responsibility by participating in a RIGK take-back system.

[> Learn more here](#)

Comparison of the obligations under the Packaging Act

System participation obligation...what? Time and again, one comes across the cryptic term "system-liable packaging" in connection with the Packaging Act, the LUCID registration and the declaration of completeness. But what exactly does this term stand for? Which packaging is considered to be system-liable and what is the difference to packaging that is not system-liable?

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European Association Of Plastics Recycling
& Recovery Organisations

Interview with Mike Jefferson, Manager EPRO

In a new episode of the #RIGKnachgefragt series, RIGK spoke with Mike Jefferson, Manager at EPRO - European Association of Plastic Recycling and Recovery Organisations. In the **first part** of the interview you will learn a lot of interesting facts about his tasks at EPRO, the importance of reliable data on recycling and the circular economy and how EPRO supports the collection of this data on a European level.

In the **second part** of the interview, Jefferson discusses EPRO's role in collecting data and sharing information with key industry publications, using **Plastics Europe's Circular Gap Report** as an example. The exchange of information via the national and international associations and federations is essential here, which is why RIGK has been part of EPRO for many years and is actively involved in this important association.

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