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CIRCULAR ECONOMY NEEDS COOPERATION

Dear Madam and Sir,

"How can we reduce the mountains of waste in Germany?" This question became increasingly urgent in the 1990s. Politicians found an answer to it by introducing the Packaging Ordinance in 1991. And that was precisely the starting signal for the founding of RIGK, the "Gesellschaft zur Rückführung industrieller und gewerblicher Kunststoffverpackungen mbH" [Company for the recovery of industrial and commercial plastic packaging], in 1992. Originally, we only took back packaging of non-hazardous products from industry and commerce, but we were able to expand our portfolio over the course of three decades. Today, we also take back and recycle hazardous packaging, agricultural plastics, unusable pesticides and chemicals from agriculture.

The fact that the topic of packaging take-back and recycling has a high priority throughout Europe and Germany is shown by the legislative development, which has resulted in the German Packaging Act and its amendments in Germany and in draft laws in European countries.

For 30 years we have been helping to reduce the carbon footprint at home and abroad. This makes us proud. Because our actions now determine the world of tomorrow.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue!

Markus Dambeck

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AMENDMENT OF THE GERMAN PACKAGING ACT

Since 03 July 2021, the amendment to the German Packaging Act (VerpackG) has been in force and brings additional obligations in the handling of industrial, transport and commercial packaging. Violations can be punished with fines of up to EUR 100,000. This makes it even more important to bring yourself up to date now and to understand and implement the new rules.

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30 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

In the summer of 1991, the German Packaging Ordinance was published, a unique piece of legislation that heralded the introduction of extended product responsibility. It obliged manufacturers to take responsibility for their products from the cradle to the grave. In 2019, the Packaging Ordinance was replaced by the German Packaging Act. In the future, RIGK will continue to develop as a successful service provider based on the legislation and constructively implement the impulses for packaging recycling from politics.

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RECYCLING OF SWISS AGRICULTURAL FILM PICKS UP SPEED

RIGK runs new recovery system for agricultural plastics in Switzerland from January 2022.

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PLASTICS AND RECYCLING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS PUBLISH JOINT POSITION PAPER

Under the title "Plastics for the Circular Economy and Climate Protection", leading associations of the entire plastics value chain have published a position paper underlining the importance of the plastics and recycling industry for climate protection.

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PAMIRA: CELEBRATING A MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

SAFELY RECYCLE CROP PROTECTION CANS AND SAVE CO₂ – IS THAT POSSIBLE?

The use of pesticides is always in the focus of public interest. Mostly it is about residues in food and water. But some people will have asked themselves what actually happens to the empty packaging. Can they be recycled without contamination?

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