



ISSUE 01|2019 - CHANGES TO THE LAW

Changes to the law from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 RECOVERY AND RECYCLING OBLIGATION

The German Packaging Law once again clarifies a principle that has been in place since 1992: enhanced product responsibility for fillers and distributers who place packaged products on the market in Germany. This means that anyone who puts packaging into circulation must take back and recycle their sales, transport and outer packaging (see §15).

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### Dear Madam and Sir,

#### Welcome to 2019 - A year of challenges

Coming out of a phase of many meaningful decisions and occasional activity for activity's sake – not unlike in the diesel discussion – we are expecting 2019 to see a phase of implementation on the road to the circular economy.

Although there is much unfounded propaganda in German public life, the stakeholders involved are in an unmistakeably optimistic mood. Many are sharing ideas to find suitable measures to pave the way for a real circular economy. This is vital, as constant dialogue and collaboration will be the only way to guarantee success. So let us continue to approach the challenges together. The vast majority of RIGK customers will see no changes in the practice of recovery of packaging and plastics for commerce and industry that has been going on for more than 25 years.

Those who deliver to private households or similar accumulation points can now use RIGK's new service – we offer an attractive solution here, too.

Best regards

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Markus Dambeck General Manager

### Field report: ERDE users FLY THE FLAG FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

More than 100 committed farmers take part on an average collection day in the nationwide recovery service for used agricultural plastics. Peter Maurus is one of them.

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## RIGK helps Chile achieve an effective circular economy RECYCLING OF AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS

German disposal specialist enjoys huge success in sensitising Chilean farmers to recycling used agricultural plastics, with 35 tonnes of plastic waste for sustainable recycling in the first collection alone.

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# In business with granulates ONLINE PLATTFORM

New start-up plastship GmbH is creating a digital platform for buying and selling regranulate.



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