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Certification of Recyclates and Plastic Packaging with PlastCert

Dear Sir or Madam,

For over 30 years, RIGK has been a reliable partner for industry, offering take-back and recycling services. Our actions are consistently aligned with the needs of our customers and the ever-changing legal conditions, embodying a philosophy of continuous change as well as innovation. The introduction of our new consulting service, **PlastCert**, further exemplifies this philosophy. Through PlastCert, RIGK supports its customers in adopting sustainable practices for their plastic products and packaging. We provide consulting and certification services in collaboration with RecyClass, an initiative of Plastic Recyclers Europe, as well as RIGK's specialist departments and our subsidiary, plastship. Further details can be found in this RIGK Reporter. In addition, it covers RIGK's consulting projects, which extend beyond our take-back systems, and highlight the development of tailored solutions with our customers.

The importance of legislative measures in shaping these solutions is underscored by the **Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation**, currently under intense discussion in the European Union. This newsletter provides an explanation of the European Commission's draft and its contents.

In our **#RIGKInquired** interview series, we offer an insightful glimpse "behind the scenes" featuring Maria Hentze, Digital Transformation Manager at RIGK, who discusses the company's digitalization strategy.

As you can see, our actions are driven by innovation and constant further development,

Because our actions now will decide the world of tomorrow!

We wish you an interesting reading.

Markus Dambeck
Chairman of the management, RIGK GmbH



PlastCert - The New Service Offers RecyClass Certifications and Material Tests Adapted to Recyclates.

RIGK now offers companies the possibility to certify their packaging according to RecyClass conditions. This includes the established RecyClass certifications Recyclability and Recycled Content, which are now offered by PlastCert. In addition, PlastCert enables testing of recyclate properties for use in products and packaging. In collaboration with subsidiary plastship, an expert in recyclate qualification, customized material testing can be undertaken through PlastCert to qualify recyclates for high-value applications. Combining this with the RIGK systems advances the recycling and sustainable use of plastics and packaging.

[> Learn more here](#)



Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) with Envalora in Spain - Registration Obligation

In the middle of last year, Spain introduced Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging and RIGK has since been supporting the Cicloplast association in implementing the new Envalora take-back system. The Spanish take-back system for industrial and commercial packaging from the chemical, plastics, rubber & construction sectors is now set to be officially launched by the end of 2024, helping companies to register with the national product manufacturer register and correctly hand in their notification of packaging quantities for 2021 as well as 2022.

[> Learn more here](#)



Cooperation with WELGER for More Efficiency in Plastics Recycling

The manufacturer of compacting technology WELGER and RIGK cooperate in plastic recycling by using a Roll Compactor, which compacts used packaging. The compacted materials are taken over by RIGK and serve as valuable raw materials for recycling. The cooperation enables a more reproducible origin of the waste streams and a more sorted collection, which improves the recyclability.

[> Learn more here](#)

Legally Compliant Packaging Licensing from Industry for Industry

RIGK has launched a new campaign video that presents the Packaging Act and the resulting obligations for producers or distributors of packaged industrial or commercial products. The Packaging Act is an instrument to promote the circular economy. Find out what requirements for companies result from the law in the new video on our YouTube channel!

[> Watch the video here](#)



NETAFIM and RIGK Cooperate for the Recycling of Drip Lines and Increase Recycling Rates

In the second year of the joint drip tube recycling project, NETAFIM and RIGK were able to increase recycling rates and collect and recycle a total of 50 tons of drip tubes. Through the collaboration, farmers can easily return their used drip lines and save money. The recycling of the drip lines also enables the recycling of high-quality raw material polyethylene.

[> Learn more here](#)

Digitization and the Customer Portal at RIGK - Interview with Maria Hentze

In her role as Digital Transformation Manager at RIGK, Maria Hentze explains the functions of the new customer portal and how it makes processes more efficient. She emphasizes the importance of digitization for companies and, despite the potential challenges, sees clear benefits in implementing digitization projects, both for RIGK and its customers.

[> Learn more here](#)



The EU Packaging Regulation (PPWR) - Contents and Changes to the Packaging Waste Directive

The EU packaging regulation (PPWR) aims to promote the circular economy, reduce packaging waste and increase the use of recyclates. The proposal includes changes such as waste reduction targets, extended bans on single-use plastic, clear recyclability criteria, introduction of extended producer responsibility (EPR) and minimum recycled content targets for plastic packaging. Packaging labelling schemes are also proposed. The final approval of the PPWR is expected by the end of 2024. RIGK has summarized the most important suggestions for you and is following developments closely.

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