	YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY	CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY
MATERIAL COMPOSITION (AMOUNT OF PET & PO ATTACHMENTS IN THE PACKAGING)	A >= 95%, B >= 90% and all packaging features are FULLY compatible with recycling	C >= 70% and all packaging features are FULLY compatible with recycling	D >= 50%, E >= 30% and all packaging features are FULLY compatible with recycling
DESCRIPTION (TEST PROTOCOL)	Materials that passed the testing protocols with no negative impact OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but are known to be acceptable in PET recycling	Materials that passed the testing protocols if certain conditions are met OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a low risk of interfering with PET recycling	Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with PET recycling
DESCRIPTION (METHODOLOGY)	In case of at least one limited compatibility one penalty is applied, lowering the recyclability class from A to B or from B to C	In case of at least one limited compatibility one penalty is applied, lowering the recyclability class from C to D	In case of at least one limited compatibility one penalty is applied, lowering the recyclability class from D to E or from E to F
MATERIAL *	PET		PLA; PVC; PS; PETG; PC, PBT
COLOURS	Transparent clear; Transparent light blue		Other transparent colours; Opaque; Fluorescence; Metallic
SIZE			< 4 cm (compacted); > 5 liter content
PRODUCT RESIDUES (EASY TO EMPTY INDEX)	A if the index is < 5%; B if the index is < 10%	C if the index is < 15%	D if the index is < 20%; E < if the index is 25%; F if the index is > 25%
BARRIER	SiOx plasma coating	Carbon plasma-coating; PA-MXD6 multilayer with <5wt% PA-MXD6 and no tie layers; PGA multilayer; PTN alloy	PA-MXD6 multilayer with >5wt% PA-MXD6 or with tie layers; Monolayer PA-MXD6 blend; EVOH
ADDITIVES		UV stabilizers; Acetaldehyde (AA) blockers; Optical brighteners; Oxygen scavengers	Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives; Nanocomposites
CLOSURE SYSTEM	PE (with density <1 g/cm³); PP (with density <1 g/cm³)		Materials and blends with density >1 g/cm³ (e.g. highly filled PE, metals,); Non detaching or welded closures
LINERS, SEALS AND VALVES	PE; PE + EVA; PP; TPO (all with a density < 1 g/cm³); TPS (with density < 0.95 g/cm³)	Foamed PET (all with a density < 0.95 g/cm³); Floatable silicone (with density <0.95/cm³	Materials with density >1 g/cm³ (e.g. PVC, silicone, metals);
OTHER COMPONENTS	Base cup, handles or other components which are separated by grinding and float/sink - all with density <1 g/cm³; Unpigmented PET		Materials with density >1 g/cm³ (e.g. metal, RFID tags); Non detaching or welded components Coloured PET
LABELS	Labels in PE; PP; OPP (all with density <1 $g/cm^3$ ), with a size that does not hinder* the recognition of the underlaying PET-polymer *indication label size of bottles > 500 ml: < 70% coverage *indication label size of bottles <= 500 ml: < 50% coverage	EPS; foamed PET; Lightly metallized labels (all with density <0.95 g/cm³); Paper labels without fibrelosses	Labels which hinder the recognition of the underlaying PET-polymer (e.g. too large, metalised, heavily inked); Labels with density >1 g/cm³ (e.g.PVC; PS; PET; PETG; PLA); Metallized labels; Non-detaching or welded labels; Paper labels with fibreloss; Foamed PETG labels (even with density <1 g/cm³); PET labels with washable inks
ADHESIVES FOR LABELS	Alkali/water releasable adhesive at 60-80°C without reactivation		Alkali/water soluble adhesive; Alkali/water non-soluble or non-releasable adhesive at 60-80°C
SLEEVES	Sleeves in PE; PP; OPP (all with density <1 g/cm³), with a size that does not hinder* the recognition of the underlaying PET-polymer *indication sleeve size of bottles > 500 ml: < 70% coverage *indication sleeve size of bottles <= 500 ml: < 50% coverage	Full sleeves translucent for IR detection in PE; PP; OPP; (all with density <1 g/cm³) EPS; Foamed PET; LDPET (all with density <0.95 g/cm³) INTERIM: Twin-peforated sleeves for household and personal care conform guidelines by EPBP	Sleeves which hinder the recognition of the underlaying PET-polymer (e.g. too large, metalised, heavily inked); Sleeves with density >1 g/cm³ (e.g.PVC; PS; PET; PETG); Foamed PETG sleeves (even with density <1 g/cm³); PET sleeves with washable inks
TAMPER EVIDENCE WRAP	PE; PP; OPP (all with density <1 g/cm³)	EPS; Foamed PET; LDPET (all with density <0.95 g/cm³)	Materials with density >1 $g/cm^3$ (e.g metal; PVC; PS; PET, PETG); Metallised materials; Foamed PETG (even with density <1 $g/cm^3$ ); PET with washable inks
INKS	Non-toxic (according to EUPIA guidelines)		Inks that bleed; Toxic or hazardous inks; Metallic inks; Washable inks
DIRECT PRINTING	Laser marked print	Production or expiry date	Any other direct printing

RECYCLED CONTENT: No change in the recyclability assessment. A separate 'Recycled Plastics Traceability Certification' based on a Chain of Custody approach is available with RecyClass

\* Polymer resin can be either fossil- or bio-based, virgin or recycled.

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