Coloured HDPE Containers and Tubes

		YES - FULL COMPATIBILITY	CONDITIONAL - LIMITED COMPATIBILITY	NO - LOW COMPATIBILITY
	MATERIAL COMPOSITION (TOTAL AMOUNT OF **PE** & **PP** 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 PE 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 PE recycling	Materials that failed the testing protocols OR materials that have not been tested (yet), but pose a high risk of interfering with PE 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
PACKAGING	MATERIALS*	HDPE; Multilayer PE with HDPE prevalence (LLDPE, LDPE, MDPE) TPO <= 10 % (full olefinic or aliphatic structure)	PP <= 10%	Multilayers HDPE with PLA, PVC, PS, PET, PETG; 10% <PP<= 30% (-2 classes); PP > 30% (-3 classes); TPO (containing rubber, e.g. EPDM)
MAIN BODY	COLOURS	All colours	Black inner layer and dark colours (NIR-detectable)	Non NIR-detectable colours
	SIZE		Items compacted <= 5 cm	Items compacted <= 2 cm
	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	EVOH <= 6.0%wt + PE-g-MAH tie layers with MAH > 0,1%wt and EVOH:tie layers ratio <= 2; Enkase (fluorination); In-mould fluorination; SiOx Plasma Coating	EVOH > 6.0%wt + PE-g-MAH tie layers with MAH > 0,1%wt and EVOH:tie layers ratio <= 2; EVOH <= 1% with any other tie layers;Plasma Fluorination; Metallisation; PVOH <= 1%	EVOH > 1% with any other tie layers; PA; PVDC; Aluminium; PVOH >1%
	ADDITIVES	Additives that are unavoidable in processing (stabilizers, antioxidants, lubricants, nucleating agents, peroxides) and density remains < 0,97 g/cm³	Mineral fillers (CaCO3, talc) not increasing density more than 0,97 g/cm³	Additives changing the material density > 1 g/cm³; Flame-retardant additives, plasticizers; Bio-/oxo-/photodegradable additives
	LAMINATING ADHESIVES	Polyurethanes and water-based acrylics <3%; To be tested if in combination with a barrier material	Polyurethanes and water-based acrylics 3-5%; To be tested if in combination with a barrier material	Polyurethanes and water-based acrylics >5%; Laminating adhesive specially developed for high thermal applications above boiling and/or for high chemical resistance (to be tested); Any other laminating adhesives (Epoxy, etc.)
ATTACHMENTS	CLOSURE SYSTEM	HDPE; LDPE; LLDPE; MDPE	PP; PET; PETG; PLA; PS (all with a density > 1 g/cm³); Removable aluminium lidding	Non-PO and/or foams with density < 1 g/cm³; Aluminium; Metal; PVC
	LINERS, SEALS AND VALVES	HDPE; LDPE; LLDPE; MDPE; TPO; TPS <= 1%	PP; TPS; PET, PETG, PLA, PS (all with a density > 1 g/cm³); Removable silicon with a density > 1 g/cm³; PO foamed <= 1%	Non-PO and/or foams with density < 1 g/cm³; Any other TPE; Aluminium; Metal; Foiled paper; PVC
	OTHER COMPONENTS	HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, MDPE	PP; PET; PETG; PLA; PS all with density > 1 g/cm³	Aluminium; PVC; Glass components; Foams with density < 1 g/cm³
DECORATION**	INKS	Non-bleeding inks compliant withEuPIA Exclusion Policy		Inks that bleed; Inks non-compliant with EuPIA Exclusion Policy; PVC binders
	LABELS MATERIALS (PSL, WET-GLUE LABELS, WRAP-AROUND LABELS, IML)	Labels in PE (all with density < 1 g/cm³); In-Mould-Labels in PE printed with < 1 wt% of the total packaging (except dark colours and bleeding inks)	Labels in PP, PO (with density < 1 g/cm³); Labels in PET, PETG, PLA, PS (all with density > 1 g/cm³); Labels in Paper without fibreloss; PO-foamed labels; Any other In-Mould-Labels in PE (except bleeding inks)	Labels that hinder the recognition of the PE; Labels in non PO-materials with density < 1 g/cm³; Paper labels with fibreloss during recycling process; Cardboard or paper In-Mould-Labels; Aluminium; Metallised labels; PVC
	ADHESIVES FOR LABELS	Water soluble adhesive (@ less than 40°C); Water releasable adhesive (@ less than 40°C)	Non-water soluble or non-releasable adhesive approved by RecyClass in combination with filmic PO labels; Acrylic emulsion; Hotmelt rubber	Non-water soluble adhesive (@ less than 40°C); Non-water releasable adhesive (@ less than 40°C)
	SLEEVES	Sleeves in PE (all with density < 1 g/cm³); Self-separable plastic and cardboard sleeves under mechanical pressure (sorting test mandatory)	Sleeves in PO (with density < 1 g/cm³); Sleeves in PET, PETG, PET-C, PLA, PS (all with density >1 g/cm³); Cardboard sleeves without fiberloss (sorting test mandatory)	Sleeves that hinder the recognition of the PE; Sleeves in non PO-materials with density < 1 g/cm³; Cardboard sleeves with fibreloss during recycling process; Aluminium; Metallised sleeves; Heavily inked sleeves; PVC
	DIRECT PRINTING	Laser marked; Production or best-before date; Direct printing (inks + lacquer) representing < 1 wt% of the total packaging (except dark colours)	Any other direct printing;Cold transfer and hot stamping technologies that does not hinder the recognition of the underlaying PE-polymer	
	OTHER DECORATIVE TECHNOLOGIES		Electroplating on attachments (with density > 1 g/cm³)	Electroplating on attachments (with density < 1 g/cm³)

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 . If different grades of the same polymer are present, weights should be cumulated

** Decorative technologies must not hinder the recognition of the underlaying PE-polymer. Features as size, print, mass colouration and/or barrier might require to perform a Sorting Evaluation Protocol. Known misleading features are listed on the RecyClass Methodology and the following size indications can be considered to ensure the recognition of PE:

- Size of non-PE surfaces on containers > 500 ml: < 70% coverage
- Size of non-PE surfaces on containers < 500 ml: < 50% coverage

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