Feedback on white containers circularity in France

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Donnons ensemble une nouvelle vie à nos produits.



Citeo, a private company with restrictions imposed by the French government

Role and responsibilities of the eco-organisation:



organise collection, sorting and processing of waste packaging and paper for improved performance at a better price.



manage research programmes to develop eco-design and move Industrial processes forward.



inform and raise public awareness of sorting used packaging and paper.





A private company



A general interest mission

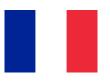


Not-profit



Under French government approval

What about packaging recyclability into French law?



Tend to 100% plastic packaging recyclable by 2025

Décret 3R

All packaging must be recyclable by 2030, including reusable ones

Loi AGEC

Brand owners have to publish on-line recyclability of their packaging, based on EPR companies info

Décret caractéristiques environnementales des produits

Is a white PET bottle recyclable in France?

YES

Based on shared methodology adapted from @ITE@ proposal and COTREP guidelines

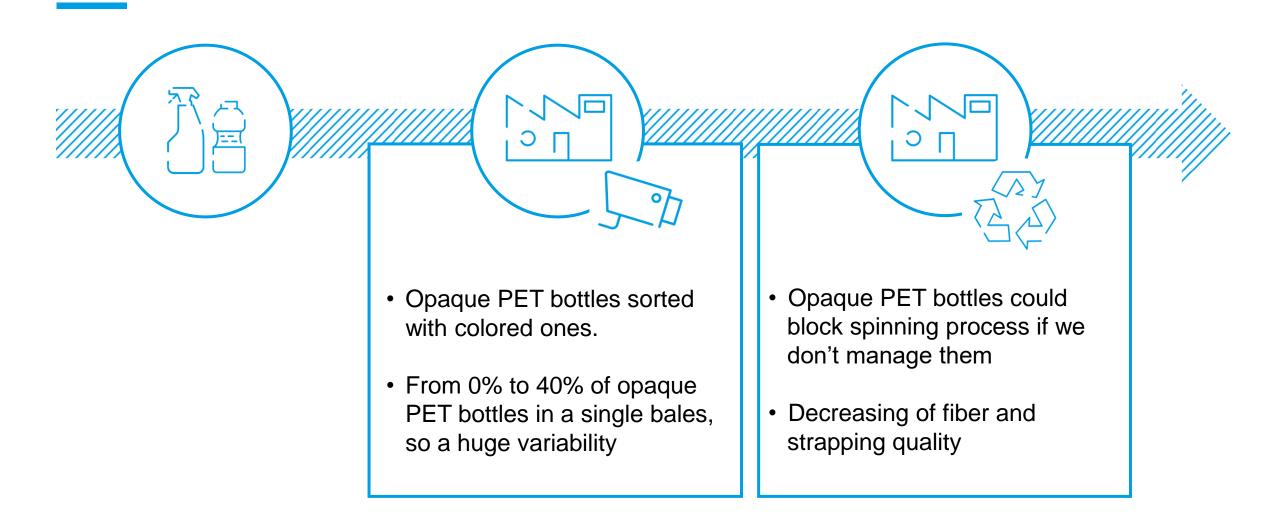
Opaque PET bottles in France

12 000 tons,eq. 3% of all PET bottles on the French market60% are white bottles (2 and 3 layers mostly)

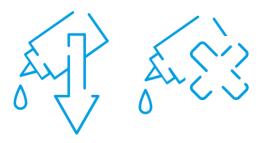
- No market size increasing since 4 years
- Different products, different bottles
- An international success for opaque bottles



Opaque PET bottles, what happens in 2016-2017?



R&D program 2017-2020



- Less opacifier, same barrier
- Less opacifier, same amount of clear rPET in yellow bottle without impacting the color
- Remove mineral on red bottle

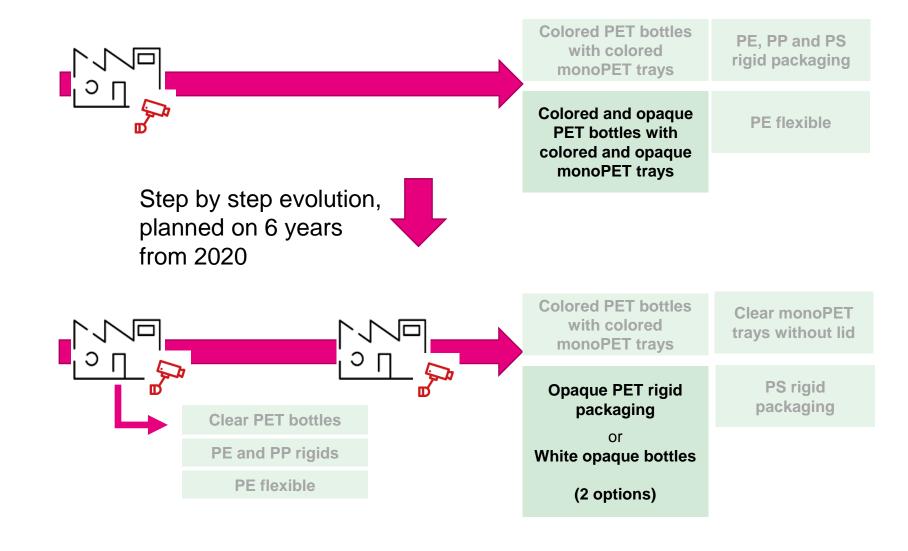


- Quality management system on opaque in colored PET bales
- Knowledge improvement on opacifier impacts and how fiber production could use more opaque bottles



- Chemical recycling at pilot scale
- Bottle to bottle recycling for food or non food products, in existing recycling plants

Sorting adaptation to develop plastic recycling 2020 - 2022



100% rPET grey bottles on the French market





Grey color decided by packaging converters, brand owners and retailers

Good feedback from consumers

Opaque bales demand > Offer

March 2022 – new sorting organization from 2023, by law

17 mars 2022

Publication du CDC modifié au bulletin officiel [emballages uniquement]



New organization

Municipalities with extended sorting in 2022

2/3
plastic tons in 2022



Colored PET bottles with opaque bottles except white

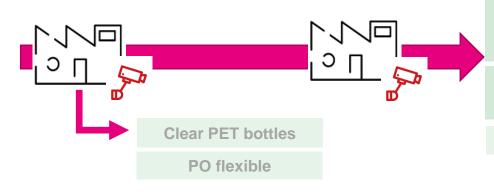
White opaque bottles

Clear monoPET + PET/PE trays

PS XPS EPS rigid packaging

Municipalities
without
extended sorting
in 2022

1/3 plastic tons in 2022



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PE and PP rigids

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2022 call for recyclers



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PO flexible

Summer 2022 : recycler/project selection

3-, 6- and 9-years contract with recyclers on realistic tonnage estimation

Winter 2023: first bales

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Answers: Mai 2022

If you have any question



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