

EU 2022/1616 Art6 Certification Process

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EU 2022/1616 article 6

Chapter 3:

- General Requirements for Plastic Recycling and the Use of Recycled Plastic

Article 6

- **Requirements** for **collection** and pre-processing

Sets the rules on how the raw material origin and collection

With the main objective to guarantee **food safety**.



The Genesis

- EU Project **FAIR CT 98/418**
 - Analysis made on **post consumer** bottles
 - **European** Collection
- **EC 10/2011**
 - Defines what **substances** are permitted to manufacture plastic materials and articles to come in contact with **food**
- **EU2022/1616**
 - Used the above in **article 6** to set requirements for the production of **safe** recycled materials to come in contact with **food**



Main items of the article 6

Bottles shall

- Originate from **municipal waste**, food business or food retail
- have been used for the **contact with food**
- comply with regulation **EC10/2011**
- be collected **separately**
- be **sorted** sufficiently to **not compromise decontamination**

What did PETCORE EUROPE ?

- In November 2023, we have been made aware that the commission was intending to limit the amount of recycled content in bottles to 66%
- Main reason put upfront was the fact that imports were putting the food safety at risk
- Deep impact on EU recyclers as the limitation was not targeting directly imports
- PETCORE EUROPE gathered the whole value chain (PRE, EUPC, UNESDA, NMWE, EPRO) to build a counterproposal
- Triggered by PRE, it was proposed to enforce the application of article 6 with certification schemes



Certification Schemes

- The guidelines for the certification scheme guidelines have been developed by the value chain under the coordination of PETCORE EUROPE
- It has been presented to DG Santé in September 2024
- General perception is that the content meets the expectation to guarantee food safety
- The EC 10/2011 compliance is still under debate on how to enforce this point
- Certification shall start in 2025, (late vs regulation's date of octobre 2024)

