

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND RECYCLABILITY OF CANS September 26, 2020

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Product design: homogenous material

Easy and economically viable to handle

Pull tab integrated, comes back with the can

Not a contaminant for other materials

Fully recyclable despite of colours and format

Metal recycles forever, not just a few times

High value recyclate: €800 - 1,000/tonne



#### **KEY FACTS ABOUT CAN RECYCLING THAT ARE OFTEN OVERLOOKED**





**European** recycling rate of aluminum beverage cans in 2015



All cans are **equally** recyclable, irrespective of color or design



**Cans** are easy to sort and recycle using **infrastructure that is already in existence** 



Metals do **not lose quality** when recycling

#### ALUMINIUM CANS: THE WORLD'S MOST RECYCLED BEVERAGE PACKAGING







### HOW EUROPEAN PACKAGING LEGISLATION IS ACCELERATING



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**NEW EU METHOD FOR CALCULATING RECYCLING RATES: REAL RECYCLING!** 





**RECYCLING ROUTE** 



#### THE RECYCLING RATE FOR ALL MATERIALS WILL GO DOWN...

...once the EU changes the point of measurement, but the difference between metal and other packaging reported recycling rates are likely to increase substantially.



Source: FEVE, 2017 >> MPE+European Aluminium, 2017 >> PETCore, 2017 (actual recycled 36%) >> ACE, 2017

#### EXAMPLES OF RECYCLING ISSUES FACED BY OTHER BEVERAGE CONTAINERS





Low value

• Fibre shortening

#### **REAL RECYCLING WILL SOON BE THE NORM. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

In the future, for a packaging to be claimed as recyclable, it will have to satisfy all the following points:







Recycling process that works









Each part easily separated



Output material valuable with an existing market



#### NOT ALL LEVELS OF RECYCLING ARE THE SAME



#### **APPLYING RECYCLING LOSS FACTORS TO COLLECTION RATES**



The European average recycling rates and recycling process yields are estimated as per the table below



#### IN THE UPCOMING CIRCULAR SOCIETY, METAL'S ETERNAL RECYCLABILITY WILL FAIR SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER, COMPARED TO OTHER OPTIONS



Number of extra packaging units possible to make with the material remaining in the system in multiple recycling cycles



#### The higher the collection rate (which is the trend), the more important the recycling yields are.

#### THE BEAUTY OF ALUMINIUM: HIGH RECYCLING YIELDS. UNMATCHED.



1.5% of weight is lacquers and inks responsibly removed used for thermal needs in the furnace

Remelting losses are minimal (less than 2%), compared to other material's losses







#### CANS HAVE THE LOWER GREEN DOT FEES IN AVERAGE IN EUROPE

Cans already have the lower green dot fees of beverage packaging in Europe...

C€ per container

0,6

0,5

0,4

0,3

0,2

0,1

0

2012

Aluminium cans

2014

2016

—PET bottles

...This trend will absolutely continue onwards, and turn into a significant competitive advantage

2024

-Drink cartons

2019 vs 2014 basic EPR fees evolution



Source: PRO Europe, Participation Costs Overview 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, UK excluded, EPR fees are are averaged from each country's GDP contribution.

2020

Glass bottles

2022

2018



#### **EXAMPLE OF EARLY ECOMODULATION IN ITALY**



**CONAI** restructured the environmental contribution, rewarding recyclable materials and penalizing difficult to recycle materials.



Besides, to encourage the use of more recyclable packaging, the environmental contribution for plastic packaging is no longer unique but diversified based on the sortability and recyclability of the packaging.



- Packaging not sortable/recyclable with current technologies
- Others sortable and recyclable packaging
- Packaging with an effective and consolidated sorting and recycling chain

CANS HAVE LOWEST NET COSTS IN A NORDIC / BALTIC DRS (€ / CONTAINER) **PET clear PET coloured** Aluminium can **OW glass** -0.0117 0.0099 -0.0369 -0.0158



## HOW TO ACHIEVE HIGH ALUMINIUN CAN RECYCLING

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#### **EXAMPLE: UK ALUMINIUM CAN RECYCLING TODAY**





#### **EXAMPLE: UK ALUMINIUM CAN RECYCLING ROADMAP**





#### SPAIN RECYCLING ROADMAP: 4 KEY OPPORTUNITIES ON AN EPR SCENARIO





Increase Yellow collection through better consumer awareness & more infrastructure on-the-go

- 2 Recover aluminium from MSW through Eddy Currents
- 3 Improve efficiency of sorting plants (currently 87%)
- 4 As we move away from landfill, increase recovery of aluminium from bottom ashes

#### **IMPROVING ALUMINIUM SORTING USUALLY HAS QUICK PAYBACKS**

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#### HOW TO ACHIEVE HIGH RECYCLING RATES

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- » Increase infrastructure for on-the-go collection (eg. Beaches, events, public transport, etc)
- » Sorting facilities to improve efficiency yields (e.g. wider Eddy Currents, robots, etc)
- » Smart EPRs with incentives, track and trace, smart bins
- » Deposit Return Systems and Voluntary Take Back Machines
- » Achieve zero landfill ASAP and capturing aluminium from incinerator bottom ash

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#### **GOOD PRACTICE EDDY CURRENT FEEDING AND WIDTH**

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#### CANS CAN STILL BE RECOVERED FROM INCINERATOR BOTTOM ASH

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**BOTTOM ASH TREATMENT: 90% EFFICIENCY, VERY LOW OXIDATION** 

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#### WIDER AND RIGHT EDDY CURRENTS ARE NEEDED IN SORTING PLANTS

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#### ALUMINIUM CANS: MOST VALUABLE MATERIAL FROM SORTING CENTRES

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#### **VOLUNTARY TAKE BACK MACHINES – informal to formal collection**

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#### **INCENTIVES OR SMALL DEPOSIT**

- Cash
- Retail discounts
- Bus or metro tickets
- Humanitarian causes
- Gamification
- Bonus games

Success Story: Hungary

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- 200 machines
- 3 big brewers scheme

#### COMPACTED ALU CANS GREAT FOR REVERSE LOGISTICS

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#### **SMART SYSTEMS informal to formal collection**

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# CAN COLLECTION AND MOBILE APPLICATION

- Interactive can crushers
- Mobile application
- Awarding, bonuses, discounts, bus tickets.....
- Humanitarian causes
- Gamification
- Capacity 2000 cans

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