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## **PET Working Group Ask for more sustainable qualities of collected PET bottles**

EUPR Working group PET and their associated members see an increasing need to ask for improvement in the sustainability of the collected quality of PET bottles, especially in Germany.

As different countries have different collections systems the PET recyclers can accept several different levels of quality. The deposit system always has been an efficient and good way of collection. But the German deposit collection system has shown a very wide level of PET bottle qualities on the market. The trend to multi color bales continues and makes it available in many different forms. Pressed in bales, loose in presscontainers of even shredded PET is started by logistic services to reduce the cost of handling. The need to optimise the value of this feedstock by sorting is reduced drastically if bottles are pressed in bricks or pressed along with the plastic bags in which they were collected. The priority list for the highest value is following:

- 100% clear bottles in bales
- 100% light blue bottles bales
- Mixed coloured bottles in bales
- Mixed coloured bottles including brown in bales

All other forms or non-PET bottles can be seen as reducing the percentage of PET as well create an extra loss in separation of these impurities.

PET working group confirms that a large part of the installed capacity is lost due to inefficiency as the lines need more adjustment to get into specification. The potential of closing the loop in the food packaging requires a good tracability to the collected material. This market is seen as the largest growth potential for the next decade for all the collected PET bottles. Now we have the need for more standard collected PET qualities. Many national collection systems have proven that it is possible to narrow the differences of collected PET bottle qualities.

EUPR is determined to improve the sustainability of PET bottles recycling. An information exchanges to market players is key to reach this goal. A presentation of preferred standards for PET bottles is going to be presented shortly.

EuPR and specifically its PET Working Group are active in channelling information in co-operation with the industry in order to create sustainable applications.

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