

SUSTAINABILITY THROUGHOUT THE VALUE CHAIN: INSIGHTS FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRY



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Sustainability Throughout the Value Chain: Insights (BPSA) from the Food Industry



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Food Packaging



Protective Packaging



Medical Packaging









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Labs and Research Facilities (2023)

2,700 Patents & Pending Application worldwide

\$4.8 Billion

Global Sales



Employees

124 Countries Served

ved Manufacturing Facilities

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Food waste is the single, largest contributor to landfills in the world.



Food waste alone causes 10% of greenhouse gases



Regional Food Loss Statistics











Americans waste <u>150,000 tons</u> of food each day — equal to a pound per person. In Latin America, <u>20% of retail</u> <u>food waste</u> is due to spoilage. In the EU, around <u>88 million tons</u> <u>of food waste</u> is generated annually.

In Asia, up to <u>30% of grains</u> are lost between the producer and market.



And that's why SEALED AIR is committed to a waste-free future

Sealed Air®

BubbleWrap® BRAND PACKAGING

BRAND PROTECTIVE PACKAGING





CRYOVAC[®] Brand Food Packaging has been minimizing food waste for decades by engineering solutions that...





extend shelf life and help reduce food waste.



are thin, lightweight and use resources wisely.

are easy to recycle and create a circular packaging solution.



digitally provide information to eliminate waste and drive connectivity in the supply chain

Combatting waste with *critical* packaging solutions.

Greenhouse Gases of Various Food Types

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There is a vast difference in greenhouse gases (GHG) that are produced across various food types.



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Poore and Nemecek, Science (2018) https://www.visualcapitalist.com/visualising-the-greenhouse-gas-impact-of-each-food/

Steel Cans versus Fluids Flexible







Carbon Footprint of Fresh Food versus Packaging





Beef

The carbon footprint of 1 kg of beef is **370 times** the carbon footprint of the bag used to package it

Cured Ham

The carbon footprint of 1 kg of cured ham is **624 times** the carbon footprint of the bag used to package it



Cheese The carbon footprint of 1 kg cheese is **52 times** the carbon footprint of the packaging



Poultry The carbon footprint of 1 kg of chicken is **114 times** the carbon footprint of the bag used to package it

Packaging compromises that lead to increased product waste create significant environmental, economic and social impacts across the supply chain

The Conundrum of Flexible Plastic Packaging

Consumers value end-of-life more than overall environmental impact

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How the Consumer Sees Packaging



Which is more harmful to the environment?

Source: Harris Poll on Consumer Food Waste (2015)

How the Life Cycle Analyst Sees Packaging



The flexible packaging industry must continue to reduce waste and the global carbon footprint



Even if improved packaging solutions contribute to increased CO₂ emissions, the CO₂ savings from reduced food waste are in most cases much higher*



Climate change requires that we optimize the carbon (BPSA) footprint in conjunction with circular economy evaluation



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REDUCE

Down-gauging, light-weighting "reduce plastic intensity" Darfresh® v MAP, rPET thermoform webs, Zero waste Darfresh® on Tray

REUSE

Difficult to reuse food packaging materials but, Sealed Air provides a variety of reusable, secondary packaging solutions

RECYCLE

Darfresh® on Board – recyclable paperboard solution, Solid Rigid APET and PP Trays - Designed for Recycling

RECOVER

Sealed Air has developed proprietary technology to separate and recover complex barrier packaging materials

DISPOSE

Always dispose of thoughtfully A lot of plastic pollution is the result of poor decision making by individuals and organisations

Our 2025 Sustainability Pledge

Invest in Innovation

Design and advance packaging

solutions to be 100%

recyclable or reusable

Eliminate Plastic Waste

Target 50% average recycled

content across all packaging solutions, of

which 60% is

post-consumer recycled content

Collaborate

Lead collaborations with

partners worldwide to increase recycling and reuse rates

Eliminate waste \rightarrow simplify the process \rightarrow remove people from harm's way \rightarrow automate

LINEAR ECONOMY

TAKE

MAKE DISPOSE

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Global Partnerships to Enable Circularity

System for *collection*, *sorting* and *recycling* must be in place & accessible to 60% of population*.

PP – Bottles/Rigids PE - Flexibles

Float/Sink

Protocol Testing Methodology

Mechanical recycling: a feedstock & end of life issue

Highly-recycled materials 3D:

- PET bottles
- Rigid HDPE (milk jug) 🛕
- Polypropylene (bottle caps)

Unacceptable in typical MRF 2D:

- Multilayer with multicomponent
- Materials with food contamination

Limitations of mechanical recycling:

- Low quality/degraded product "downcycled"
- High purity input required
- Very high cleaning costs / LCA impact
- Low value of output
- No flexible food grade upcycling

*Adapted from Closed Loop Partners, "Accelerating Circular Supply Chains for Plastics."

*Hundertmark, T., Prieto, M., Ryba, A., Jan Simons, T. & Wallach, J. (2019). Accelerating plastic recovery in the United States. McKinsey on Chemicals. *Ed Roberts, Mass Balance, April 2020

Leveraging Advanced Recycling to Close the Loop

Waste Plastic Post-consumer waste is first prepared for Pyrolysis

Pyrolysis Reactor Decomposes waste plastic to oil product

Treatment/Distillation

Pyrolysis oils are cleaned and distilled into different products **Refinery** Naphtha product fed to a cracker to create new plastics

Circular Polymer Resulting plastic has properties identical to virgin plastics

Video: Closed-Loop Collaboration

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNkkg2gqzi8

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Micro-Circularity through Collaboration

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Value chain collaboration announced early September with Tesco and their value chain

Value chain collaboration drives circular economics and business growth

The Next Generation of Packaging

- Make packaging with recycled content 33%
- No compromise on performance
- BDF food films reduce total plastic usage

The Future of Recycling

- Packaging can be converted back to feedstock
- · Micro-circular loops keep the "molecules in play"
- Reduces total carbon footprint impact on supply chain
- Development of new D4R chemical and mechanical

Growth via Micro-circular Business Models

- Meeting goals of leading brands and retailers
- Can be leveraged to expand sales as uniquely differentiated
- Creates communication opportunities with stakeholders

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