

## Legislation – Food Packaging – EU – Recycled Plastic

Commission Regulation (EC) No 282/2008 applies to the plastic materials and articles and parts thereof intended to come into contact with foodstuffs which contain recycled plastic. Although the Plastics Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 sets out criteria for the composition of new plastic food contact materials, once they have been used, they no longer comply to the Plastics Regulation, as they may have been contaminated with other (unknown) substances. The recycled plastics Regulation specifies that:

1. Recycled plastic materials and articles shall only be placed on the market if they contain recycled plastic obtained only from a recycling process, authorised in accordance with this Regulation;
2. The authorised recycling process shall be managed by an appropriate quality assurance system that ensures that the recycled plastic complies with the requirements set out in the authorisation; and,
3. The quality assurance system shall comply with the detailed rules laid down in the Annex to the GMP Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006.

Further information can be found on the EFSA website, including guidance on the preparation of applications and safety assessments of various plastic recycling process: <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/topics/topic/plastics-and-plastic-recycling>

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