

Advancing Sustainability: PE and PP Mixed Structures Now Recyclable in the UK

OPRL (On-Pack Recycling Label), announces that **Polyethylene (PE)** and **Polypropylene (PP)** mixed structures are now officially **recyclable** in the United Kingdom. This achievement marks a pivotal moment in our commitment to providing sustainable packaging solutions.



OPRL Guidance Update

Effective January 2024,
OPRL updates its guidance to allow recycling of
PE and PP mixed structures.

Key Criteria for Recyclability:

- Minimum 90% mixed polyolefin content.
- Specific limits for other materials like EVOH.
- Metallisation allowed within specified parameters.
- Labels of different materials should be easily removable and limited in size.

Assurance for Customers:

- Customers can confidently recycle ePac's PE/PP mixed structures at front-of-store collections in the UK.
- Added flexibility for inclusion in local store drop-off recycling programs.

Recommendations for Customers:

- Direct specific questions to OPRL and explore their calculator for recyclability considerations.
- Advocacy for monomaterial use, although mixed plastics are now recyclable.