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# Market Stimulation Strategies Through Recycled Materials Certification System

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What do the diagrams below illustrate?



플라스틱 재생원료





Which of the diagrams below is labeled incorrectly?

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플라스틱 재생원료

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플라스틱 재생원료

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# 1. Current Status of Recycled Raw Materials



# 01 Current Status of Recycled Raw Materials



## 01 Global Trends in Recycled Raw Materials



EU

Single-use beverage containers  
(30% by 2030, 65% by 2040)  
Other plastic packaging  
(35% by 2030, 65% by 2040)



United Kingdom

Plastic packaging  
(30% by 2022)



Germany

PET bottles  
(25% by 2025)  
Single-use plastic beverage containers  
(30% by 2030)



United States

California  
Single-use plastic packaging and products  
15% by 2022  
25% by 2025  
50% by 2030

# 01 Current Status of Recycled Raw Materials



## 02 Related National Agenda and Government Policies

### National Agenda 89 (Completing the Circular Economy through Recycling)

- ✓ Mandate the use of recycled plastic raw materials and increase the public procurement of related products, develop a certification system for recycled material usage based on international standards.

### Joint Ministries' Strategy for Industrial Growth through Promoting the Circular Economy (June 21, 2023)

- ✓ Increase the use of recycled raw materials and establish a certification system.  
Develop a Korean certification system for tracking recycled material usage to ease the burden of overseas certification for domestic companies.

### Joint Ministries' Full-Cycle Plastic Reduction Strategy (October 20, 2022)

- ✓ Promote the use of recycled products.  
Develop an internationally recognized certification system for tracking recycled material usage that can be adopted by the EU and other countries, label products containing a certain percentage of recycled materials and establish a preferential purchasing system for these products by local governments.

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구분	핵심내용	주요내용	주요내용
국가	전략적 중요성	자원순환정책	환경친화적 성장
지방	지방정부 역할	지역별 특화사업	지역별 특화사업
기업	기업 책임	기업별 특화사업	기업별 특화사업

○ **고부가가치 제품 양산 및 지원 강화**

- 재활용-기원관 제품을 생산하여, **순환경 제작용**(원재료-고형연료)을 **고품질 물품·화학재**(양분재 등) 제작용으로 활용
- \* 원료 인허가대상 중량 재활용률: 플라스틱-5%, 석유화학-10%, 종이-15% (중량 재활용률 기준) (중량 재활용률 17.5% 이상, 순환경제물류 18.5% 이상)

○ **일본제 제작용의 규제개선 및 지원 강화**

- **석유·화학연료 활용 및 경유 운영 투입**이 가능하도록 관련 제도 개선(에너지 수급안정법)의 조속한 추진
- **화학재 방식**으로 재활용된 플라스틱 제동에 대해서도 **배기량 부담금**을 감면(기준 및 인증제일 등 미정)
- **연구·생산·유통** 관련 강화, 이차저각 분리배출·원리체계 개선 및 해당제거를 **제작용 인증제** 도입 등 해당제거를 **제작용 활성화**

○ **재활용품 사용 촉진**

- 플라스틱(PET 1만톤 이상 생산자) 원료 생산자의 **재생활용** 사용 목표율<sup>1)</sup>을 마련하고, **PET병 등 최종제품에도** 재활용률 사용률 설정
- \* 재활용률: 재활용률 사용률 목표율 = 23년 20% → 25년 30% → 30년 30%
- **EU, 등 주요 주요 국가 기업에 동등 가능한 국제 표준 기반의 재활용률 사용률 인증 체계** 마련(17)제도 설계 → 17(사명운영)
- **유럽 EPR의식**의 **재활용률** 제정을 위한 재활용률 사용률 목표율 설정(재조공정 안정성 검증 및 인증 추진(22.8월))
- 일정 비율 이상 재활용률 사용의 **제품에 표시**하여 소비자에게 선택권 유도하고, 표시·인증의 **경쟁·가격제** **추진** (국회·국회·국회)
- 재활용률 사용 비율의 **부담금**에 따라 부담금, 배회유분담금 등) **감면 확대 방안**<sup>2)</sup> 마련
- \* 예) 기존: 재활용률 사용률 목표율 20% 미만, 재활용률 사용률 15% 부담금 감면/재생활용 사용 의무부담금 조과에서 재활용률 사용률



## 2. Recycled Materials Certification System





## 02 Recycled Materials Certification System

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### 01 System Definition

- ✓ A system that enables manufacturers of products or containers made with a certain percentage or more of recycled raw materials from domestically sourced waste plastics to display the usage percentage on the product or packaging.

The consumption of recycled-material products can be encouraged.

Companies can promote their eco-friendly practices.



### 02 Legal Basis

- ✓ (Effective from March 29, 2024) Article 33-2 (Indication of Percentage of Use of Recycled Raw Materials) of the Act on the Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources
- ✓ (Effective from July 10, 2024) Article 23-4 (Indication of Recycled Raw Material Percentage, etc.) of the Enforcement Rule of the Act on the Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources
- ✓ (Effective from April 11, 2024) Ministry of Environment Notice No. 2024-65 (Standards and Methods for Indicating Recycled Raw Material Usage Percentage)
- ✓ (Effective from August 29, 2024) Ministry of Environment Established Rule No. 751 (Guidelines for Conducting Duties Related to the Indication of Recycled Raw Material Usage Percentage)

## 02 Recycled Materials Certification System



### Definition of Recycled Raw Materials

- ✓ Resource Recycling Act, Article 2 (Definitions) 7-2. The term “recycled raw material” means any raw material wholly or partially made from recyclable resources reused after reconditioning, as prescribed by [the Ordinance of the Ministry of Environment](#).
- ✓ Enforcement Rule of the Resource Recycling Act, Article 1-2 (Scope of Recycled Raw Materials) The term “as prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Environment” in Article 2, Subparagraph 7-2 of the Act on the Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”) refers to the following:
  1. Glass powder processed and manufactured from waste glass bottles
  2. Metal raw materials manufactured by compressing and crushing waste metal cans
  3. Recycled raw materials processed and manufactured from waste polyethylene terephthalate (PET), waste expanded synthetic resin, and synthetic resin products and packaging materials
  4. Rubber powder processed and manufactured from waste tires
  5. Glass powder processed and manufactured from glasses such as fluorescent lamp glass
  6. Recycled raw materials manufactured by compressing and crushing LED chips, chip mounting boards, and other parts separated from LED lighting
  7. Other raw materials recycled according to standards and methods [determined and announced by the Minister of Environment](#).

## 02 Recycled Materials Certification System



### 03 Progression

~ 2023

- (Mar. 2023) Amendment to Article 33-2 of the Resource Recycling Act  
(Indication of recycled raw material usage percentage)
- (Nov. 2023) Prior announcement of Article 23-3 of the Enforcement Rule of the same Act  
(Procedures for verifying and indicating recycled raw material usage)

2024 ~

- (Jan. 2024) Signing of MOU to establish a Korean recycled raw material usage management system between the K-eco and ISCC  
(Cooperation for mutual recognition of recycled raw material certification)
- (Mar. 2024) Implementation of the recycled content percentage labeling system
- (May 2024) Signing of MOU to establish a high-quality recycling system for recycled raw materials between the K-eco, KORA, and Control Union Korea  
(Cooperation to promote recycled raw material certification)
- (Jul. 2024) Signing of MOU and promotion of product monitoring to recycle colorless PET bottles between 13 organizations, including the Ministry of Environment, K-eco, and manufacturers.

## 02 Recycled Materials Certification System



### 04 Application Process

#### Applicant Company

Submits application for labeling  
(at least 30 days before the intended start date)

Submits  
document ↓

↑ Issues confirmation  
certificate

#### Ministry of Environment

- ✓ Reviews documents and conducts on-site verification  
(may request correction within a period of 10 days)
- ✓ Issues confirmation certificate (within 30 days from the application date)

※ Note: Processing times exclude periods stipulated in Article 11 of the Administrative Procedures Act.

#### Review Criteria

- Usage percentages differentiated by products and containers.
- Target percentage verified based on calculation data.
- Confirmation that raw materials were collected separately and recycled from domestically sourced plastic waste after use by end consumers.
- Appropriateness of the method used to calculate the recycled content percentage.

## 02 Recycled Materials Certification System



### 05 Application Status



8 companies, including Company L and Company C, with 124 products.

The total amount of recycled raw materials applied for is approximately 470 tons

Photo Source: Lotte Chilsung Beverage, Icis, Coca-Cola, Aromatica.

# 3. Future Implementation Plans



# 03 Future Implementation Plans



## 01 Plan for Expanding the Use of Recycled Materials in Major Countries

- ✓ Proposal to expand mandatory recycled content rates by product category, considering international standards

Category		EU	USA	Proposal to Expand Mandatory in Korea
Packaging and Containers	PET bottles	30%(2030-) → 65%(2040-)		30%(2030-) → 65%(2040-)
	Other plastics (containers/trays)	PET	15%(2023-) → 25%(2026-) → 50%(2031-)	30%(2030-) → 50%(2040-)
		Non-PET		
		10%(2030-) → 50%(2040-)		30%(2030-) → 50%(2040-)
	35%(2030-) → 65%(2040-)			35%(2030-) → 65%(2040-)
	Other plastics (films/sheets)	35%(2030-) → 65%(2040-)	-	35%(2030-) → 65%(2040-)



# 03 Future Implementation Plans



## 02 Expansion of Recycled Content Scope

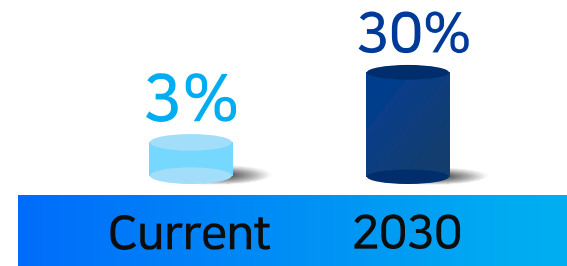
### Imposing Usage Obligations

Introduce mandatory recycled content requirements for end-product manufacturers to encourage the use of recycled materials (from 2025)



### Increasing Mandatory Usage Rates

Gradually expand the scope of obligated entities and increase the mandatory usage rates to align with international standards



# 03 Future Implementation Plans



## 02 Expansion of Recycled Content Scope

Management of obligated entities:  
Set annual mandatory usage rates  
and enforce obligations



**STEP 03** | Set annual mandatory usage rates by the expanded product categories and implement the system

**STEP 02** | Finalize the expanded list of target products and present a roadmap for mandatory usage rates



Select target products based on international trends and domestic conditions and assign obligations by material types

**STEP 01** | Assess plastic demand, supply, and waste generation by product category



Annually expand target products and develop criteria for calculating mandatory usage rates

# 03 Future Implementation Plans



## 03 Mandatory Usage Target Setting and Management System



- Ministry of Environment
 Oversees overall policy, including assigning mandatory recycled content rates for each product category based on production output, considering recycling performance and conditions.
- Manufacturer
 Verifies and validates the recycled content usage, and implements follow-up measures, including adjustments to mandatory amounts based on recycled content performance.
- K-eco
 Ensures compliance with mandatory recycled content rates and submits reports on implementation performance.

# 03 Future Implementation Plans

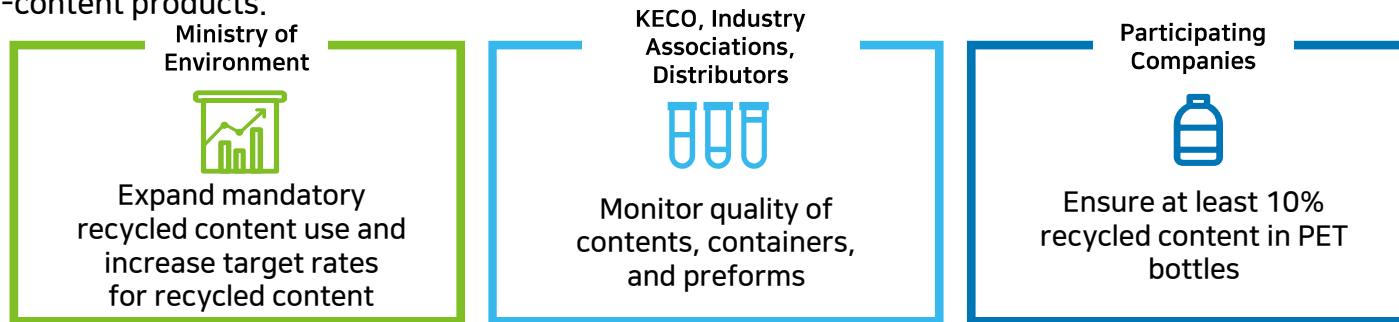
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### Monitoring Recycled Content in Colorless PET Bottles

- ✓ Building a foundation for market activation by assessing the recycled material supply stability and monitoring the quality of recycled-content products.



#### ① Monitoring of Recycled Material Usage

(Usage) Track current usage, compare with the previous month, and monitor manufacturers.

#### ② Quality Monitoring

(Contents and packaging) Monitor the quality of contents and packaging (containers) (R-PET, V-PET)  
(Preforms) Monitor the quality of preforms (made by recycled plastics)



#### Analyzing Recycled Material Usage Statistics and Carbon Reduction

(Statistics) Review production and consumption statistics (including international data such as EU and OECD)

(Carbon reduction) Analyze the carbon reduction effects of using recycled materials

# 03 Future Implementation Plans

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## Major International Recycled Content Certifications



**ISCC Plus (ISCC: International Sustainability and Carbon Certification)**

A certification system that proves sustainability for the bioeconomy and circular economy.

**GRS (Global Recycled Standard)**

A certification system that verifies recycled content in textile raw materials and clothing production, applicable to products containing at least 20% recycled materials.



**RCS (Recycled Claim Standard)**

A certification system for products containing at least 5% recycled content, verifying the amount of recycled material in final products.

# 03 Future Implementation Plans



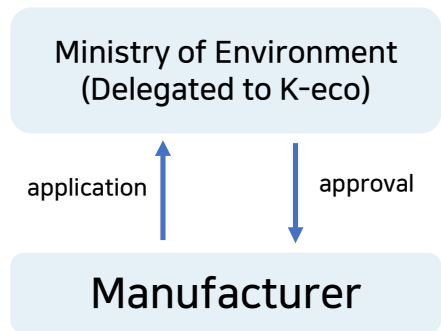
## 06 Enhancement of Certification System

- ✓ Changing the certification structure for the recycled content percentage labeling system (from 2<sup>nd</sup> party to 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification)

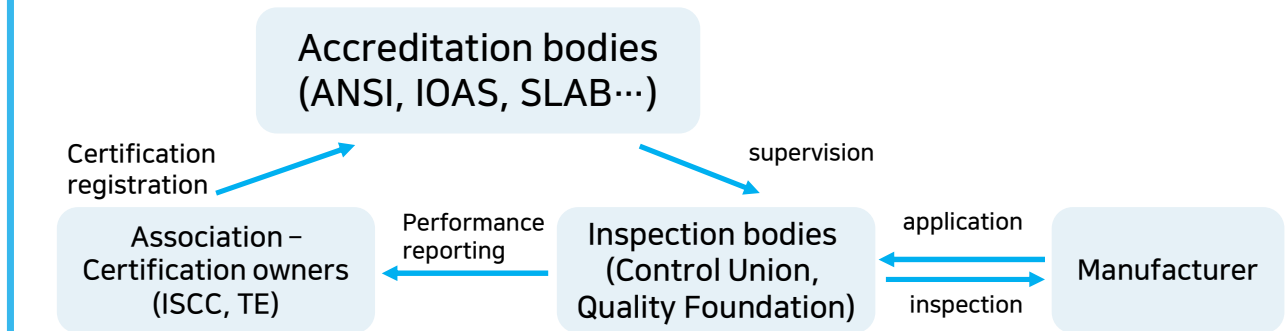
Recycled Content Percentage Labeling System

International certification systems (ISCC Plus, GRS, RCS)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> party certification



### 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification



# 4. Conclusion





# 04 Conclusion



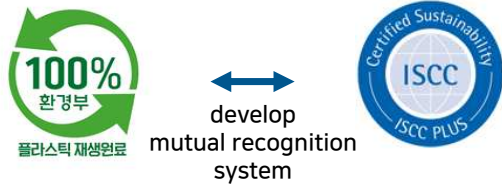
## 01 Future Implementation Plans

### 1. Product categories expansion, target setting, and development of implementation plans

Calculate mandatory rates and present annual targets based on recycling market analysis for expanded target products, gather stakeholder opinions for expanding mandatory usage targets

### 2. Compatibility and mutual recognition

Establish cooperation framework between the K-eco and major international certification systems (by 2025)



### 3. Establish incentives

Promote preferential purchasing of products using recycled materials by public institutions, encourage expanded use on the consumer side by incorporating target products into the carbon point system (by 2025)



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Thank you

