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- EN 15342, Plastics Recycled plastics Characterization of polystyrene (PS) recyclates
- EN 15343, Plastics Recycled plastics Plastics recycling traceability and assessment of conformity and recycled content
- EN 15344, Plastics Recycled plastics Characterization of polyethylene (PE) recyclates
- EN 15345, Plastics Recycled plastics Characterization of polypropylene (PP) recyclates
- EN 15346, Plastics Recycled plastics Characterization of poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) recyclates
- EN 15347 (all parts), *Plastics Sorted plastics wastes*
- EN 15348, Plastics Recycled plastics Characterization of poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET) recyclates
- EN 18064 (all parts), *Plastics Quality recommendations and basis for specifications for application of plastic recyclates in products*
- EN 18065, Plastics Recycled plastics Classification of recycled plastics based on Data Quality Levels for use and (digital) trading
- EN 18067, Plastics Recycled plastics Characterization of acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS) recyclates
- CEN/TR 15353, Plastics Recycled plastics Guidelines for the development of standards for recycled plastics
- CEN/TR 18160, Plastics recycling Classification of plastic recyclates as post-consumer recyclates (PCR) and post-industrial recyclates (PIR)

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Introduction

PET plastic is mostly used in packaging applications namely bottles and trays which have established recycling streams in the EU. Other PET applications include film and textiles. The collection of PET plastic is mostly taking place via separate collection – comingled systems together with other packaging materials or in deposit return systems. In case of comingled collection, waste is sent to a sorting centre to separate the targeted PET from other polymers or impurities. Alternatively, PET plastic can also be collected via private collection initiatives via closed loop systems, or it can be directly sent to a recycler, in case of pre-consumer waste.

Regardless of the collection system or sorting activities used, PET plastic waste is characterized to determine the composition and quality of the batch. A clear and harmonized waste specification facilitates a transaction between the supplier and purchaser of a PET plastic waste batch.

This document complements the general characterization of waste specified in EN 15347-1 and adds additional clarification when it comes to the required and optional requirements of PET waste. Characteristics are specified for PET bottles, PET trays and PET mixed waste.

This document has been produced in accordance with the guidance produced by CEN on Environmental Aspects and in accordance with CEN/TR 15353.

NOTE CEN/TR 15353 considers the general environmental aspects which are specific to the recycling process.

1 Scope

This document specifies the quality grades for sorted poly(ethylene terephtalate) (PET) wastes as well as specific test methods laying out those properties for which the supplying party of the waste makes information available to the receiving party. PET waste quality grades are based on pre-determined sets of characteristics, taking into account sectorial and market specificities and related information needs and tests methods. The document provides for a division of information between "Required Data", where a statement is required, and additional "Optional Data" as agreed between the supplying and receiving party.

This document does not apply to the general characterization addressed in EN 15347-1.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN/TR 15353, Plastics — Recycled plastics — Guidelines for the development of standards for recycled plastics

EN 15347-1:2024, Plastics — Sorted plastics wastes — Part 1: General characterisation

EN 17615, Plastics — Environmental Aspects — Vocabulary

EN ISO 1043-1, Plastics — Symbols and abbreviated terms — Part 1: Basic polymers and their special characteristics (ISO 1043-1)

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