Packaging Innovations and Evolution in the Food & Drinks sector

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# Courtauld Commitment Phase 2 (2009-2012)

- A voluntary agreement aimed at improving resource efficiency and reducing the carbon and wider environmental impact of the grocery retail sector
- WRAP is responsible for the agreement and works in partnership with retailers, brand owners and suppliers who support delivery of the targets
- Supports the aim of the UK Climate Change Act 2008, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 34% by 2020 and 80% by 2050



# **Courtauld Commitment Phase 2 Signatories**









































































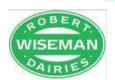












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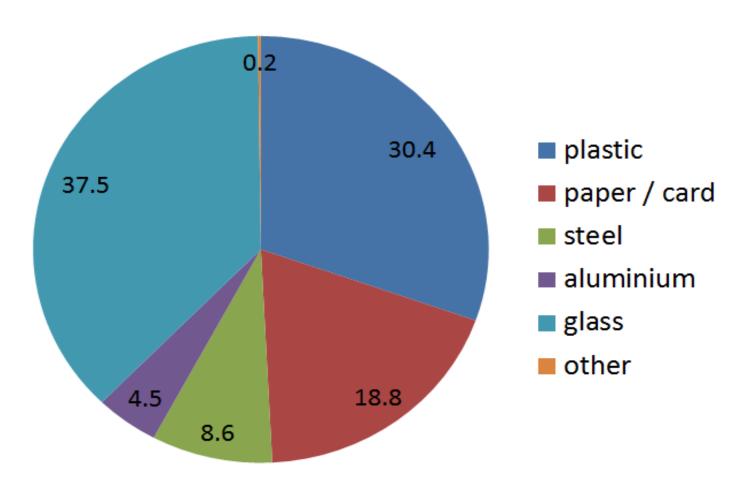


# **Courtauld 2 Packaging: Progress**

	2009	2010	2011	% change 2009 - 2011			
Weight (million tonnes)							
Primary	2.51	2.43	2.38	-5.2%			
Single-use transit	0.64	0.58	0.54	-15.1%			
Total	3.16	3.01	2.93	<b>-7.2</b> %			
GHG emissions (million tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> eq.)							
Total	5.64	5.38	5.17	-8.2%			

## **Primary packaging materials**

Courtauld 2 data for 2009 baseline



# The packaging maze ...



glass



carton



Alu



PET



bag-in-box



pouch

# What is WRAP doing?

Direct support to Signatories to deliver the WRAP target Packaging
Optimisation
Evidence and
Tools

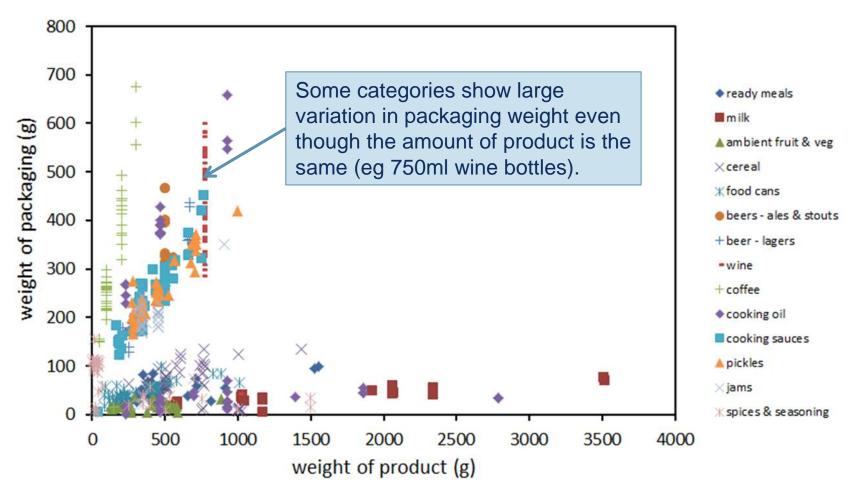
REID (Resource Efficient Innovations Database)
SWOP (Shelf Weight of Packaging)
Packaging checklists
Optimising packaging to supply chain
Supply chain product damage mapping
Comparative environmental impact of Product & Packaging

Facilitating change within the industry

Forums
Workshops
Summits

## **Shelf weight of Packaging**

Variation across categories

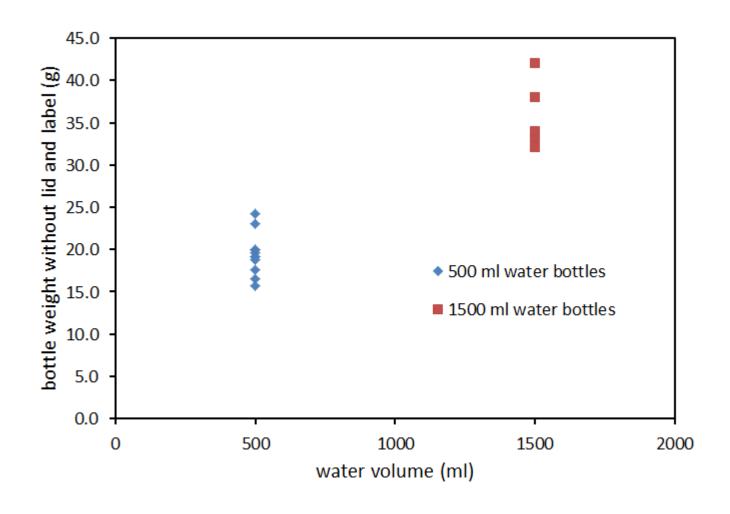


# **Opportunities for further reduction**



Amount of product (ml)	Bottle weight (g)
330	194
330	204
330	209
330	212
330	215
330	225
330	235
330	242

## **Shelf Weight Of Packaging (SWOP)**



**Using the Carbon Ready Reckoner Worked example** 

Light-weighting a PET bottle from 19g to 17g and increasing the recycled content from 10% to 25%



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# **Carbon Ready Reckoner**

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Definition Consumer Unit

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#### Consumer Unit

A consumer unit (CU) is the packaging the consumer takes out of the shop.

#### ADD A NEW COMPONENT

#### Existing Components

Component Name	Existing Material	Current Weight (g)	New Weight (g)		Recycled	CO₂e	Reduction	
Bottle	PET Bottles	19	17	10	25	0.0701	0.0100	E D

Does your product require secondary packaging? 

Yes 
No



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#### **Pack Comparison**

#### **Existing Pack**

Product volume per Pack: 500.00 (g)

Servings per Pack 1

Number of Packs per Year 1,000,000

Total CO<sub>2</sub>e Per Year: **98,607.96** (kg)

Total CO<sub>2</sub>e Per Pack: **0.0986** (kg)

Total CO<sub>2</sub>e Per Serving: 0.0986 (kg)

#### New Pack

Product volume per Pack: 500.00 (g)

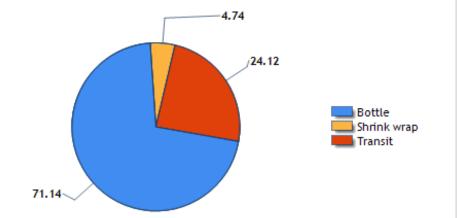
Servings per Pack 1

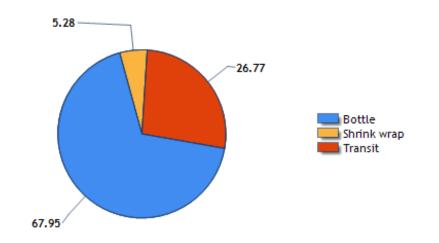
Number of Packs per Year 1,000,000

Total CO<sub>2</sub>e Per Year: **88,557.53** (kg)

Total CO<sub>2</sub>e Per Pack: **0.0886** (kg)

Total CO<sub>2</sub>e Per Serving: **0.0886** (kg)





## **Resource Efficient Innovations Database (REID)**

The aim of REID is to showcase resource efficient technologies such as machinery, tooling, materials and design from across the world.

It can help businesses across the retail supply chain to be more resource efficient, which can save them money and reduce their impact on the environment.

www.wrap.org.uk/reid





### Resource Efficient Innovations Database (REID)

Search REID Login/Register Search Database Search Results Search Showing 19 results Search Filter Results Reset Light-weight 2 litre PET drinks container Benefits All A 2 litre PET drinks container has been repeatedly developed in order to achieve a very ▼ Product Categories All light-weight design with excellent consumer and recycling benefits. ✓ Drinks Food Innovative barrier technology Home Improvement Oxygen barrier technology for use in plastic drinks bottles Household & Personal Care Other Light-weight closure for carbonated soft drinks Relevant Materials All An improved closure for short-height carbonated soft drinks bottles delivers material All Relevant Packaging Formats savings compared to existing designs. Supply Chain Phase All Oxygen scavenging system uses a highly reactive oxygen absorbing Oxygen compound scavenger An oxygen scavenging system using a highly reactive oxygen absorbing compound Innovative bottle production New "Roll 'n' Blow" method of producing thermoformed bottles saves materials and energy

# WRAP PET Bottle Categorisation Tool

"www.wrap.org.uk/content/pet-bottle-categorisation-tool"

- Categorise according to recyclability
- Tool can simulate what category certain elements are before putting onto market
- Potential to set targets for sales % in cats A, B, C



#### Category A

'Ideal' for the recycling process

#### Category B

Not ideal but not detrimental

#### Category C

Detrimental or disruptive to the recycling process



Deposition; SiO,

based carriers

Closures

seals

Labels

Sleeves

Adhesives

Base Cups

bottle size

components &

Other

Closure liners and

HDPE/LDPE/PP

PP /OPP / EPS / PET

No base cup

No other components

Monox/Monobar: Other blended

No closure liners; HDPE, PP,

additives/processing aids; Other PET

PP+EVA/EVOH; PE+EVA/EVOH; EVA or

No label; HDPE / MDPE / LDPE / LLDPE /

No Sleeve; PE / PP / OPP / EPS / foamed

No adhesive: Water soluble in 60 -80 ° C

Plastic wrap, minimum glue e.g. lap join

Diameter > 50mm, length > 100mm

PET sleeves with density <1g/cm<sup>3</sup> and

showing at least 40% of the bottle.

Other films of density <1g/cm<sup>3</sup>

EVOH if it floats i.e. density <1g/cm<sup>3</sup>

# **Primary Packaging**

Metals / PS / PVC;

density >1q/cm<sup>3</sup>

Contains any PVC

>1q/cm<sup>3</sup>

labels with metal inking)

Contains any Polystyrene (PS)

Any other materials density >1q/cm<sup>3</sup>

Metal / PVC / EVA / Silicone / Neck foils of

Pressure sensitive; Self –adhesive labels; PVC /

Water insoluble (even at elevated temperatures

PS / Metallised labels (ie metal foil labels, not

Any other material of density >1g/cm<sup>3</sup>

Any other materials of density >1g/cm<sup>3</sup>

and/or pH); Any non-removable glues

Coloured PET and other plastics density

Any polymer with density >1q/cm<sup>3</sup>

Diameter < 30mm, length < 100mm

PVC / PLA / PS / PETG

## Recyclability Categorisation – rPET

	Category A	Category B	Category C
Colourants	Clear / no colour / natural; Colour light blue/green or other light colours and tints only	Colour - Strong tints dark blue/ green/brown	Dark or solid colours; Opaque white and others; Opaque black; Metallic colours; and use of fillers.
Barrier coatings & layers	No barrier/coating layers; Plasma coatings e.g. Chemical Vapour	PEN barrier layer (if <3% total bottle weight)	EVOH / Amasorb / MXD6 Any nylon based barrier layers

bottle weight)

Paper labels

Amasorb barrier layer (if <3% total

Foamed PET; Paper; Silicone 'swimming'

valves (density <1g/cm<sup>3</sup>); Any other

closures which float after granulation

PET sleeves; Full body shrink sleeves

showing <40% of bottle; Full body

shrink sleeves – fully colour printed

Strong adhesives with paper labels

HDPE / PP / clear PET

Around 50% of adhesive not removable

Diameter 40 – 50mm, length < 100mm



#### PET bottles scenario tool

- highlights opportunities to improve.
- companies have an incentive to increase the recyclability so that the amount and quality of rPET is maximised.

## Steel

Format	Split of steel packaging flow onto UK market
Cans	92%
Other	8%

## **Aluminium**

Format	Split of aluminium packaging flow onto UK market
Aerosols	3%
Cans	61%
Closures / lids	3%
Composites	9%
Foil containers / trays	13%
Other	5%
Tubes	2%
Wrappers / foil	4%

## **UK Packaging Benchmark**

#### **UK Packaging Benchmark** SEARCH THE DATABASE A database that indicates what is the lightest, middle and heaviest weight packaging used for food and drink products found on the UK supermarket shelf between 2006 and 2008. Moving to UK Packaging Benchmark has many advantages including minimising the use of valuable resources, reducing costs and reducing energy consumption. **CATEGORY** AII • Choose SUB-CATEGORY MATERIAL AII PACKAGING TYPE CLEAR ALL FILTERS SEARCH

#### **UK Packaging Benchmark**

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<ul> <li>→ 2008: Baked Beans (Steel C</li> <li>→ 2008: Tuna (Steel Can)</li> <li>→ 2006: Tomatoes (Steel Can)</li> </ul>	Can)		→ 2008	3: Soup (Ste	el Can)								

## **Example from the benchmarking database**



#### Baked Beans (Steel Can)

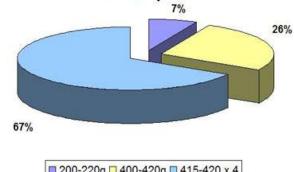
UK Packaging Benchmark product analysis - 2008

- \* Back to search results
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- + General Data Assumptions

+	Specific	data	assumptions	for this	Baked	Beans	report
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Product size	Lightest class item weight (grams)	Middle class item weight (grams)	Heaviest class item weight (grams)	% difference between lightest & middle classes
200-220g	37	40	41	10
Paper	1	1	1	
Glass	0	0	0	
Alu	0	0	0	
Steel	36	39	40	
Plastic	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	
400-420g	50	52	53	4
Paper	2	2	3	
Glass	0	0	0	

#### Percentage of total tonnage by category in sample



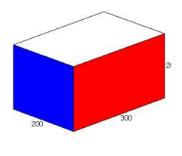
200-220g 400-420g 415-420 x 4

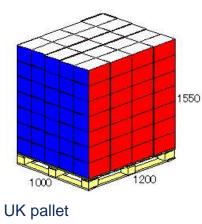
## Consider the pallet, as well as the pack.

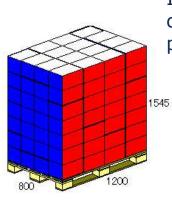
Modular packaging provides the most optimum palletisation scheme. Some modular packaging dimensions are shown in the table below. These dimensions are modular for both UK pallets (1200 x 1000mm) & EURO pallets (1200 x 800mm)

Package size [mm]	600 x 100	600 x 133	600 x 200	600 x 400
	300 x 100	300 x 133	300 x 200	300 x 400
	200 x 100	200 x 133	200 x 200	200 x 400
	150 x 100	150 x 133	150 x 200	150 x 400
	120 x 100	120 x 133	120 x 200	120 x 400

An example of optimised pallet scheme is shown below using the following modular dimensions: 300 x 200mm







Euro pallet

In this example, the pallet area coverage for both UK and EURO pallets is 100%



# On-Pack Recycling Label (OPRL) Helping consumers to recycle more

First scheme in the world to label packaging by what is actually collected for recycling, rather than what is hypothetically recyclable

Example of a multi material pack where there is more than one component and material type.



The definitions of the labels are as follows:

#### widely recycled

used when 65% or more of local authorities have kerbside collection facilities for that packaging type in their area.

#### check local recycling

used when 15% - 65% of local authorities have kerbside collection facilities for that packaging type in their area.

#### not currently recycled

used when less than 15% of local authorities have kerbside collection facilities for that packaging type in their area.

Web: www.oprl.org.uk

# **WRAP Approach**

## **Collections**

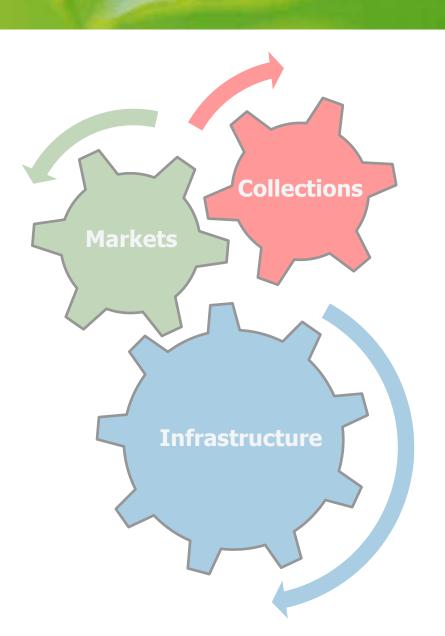
Ensuring supply of quality material for recycling

## **Infrastructure**

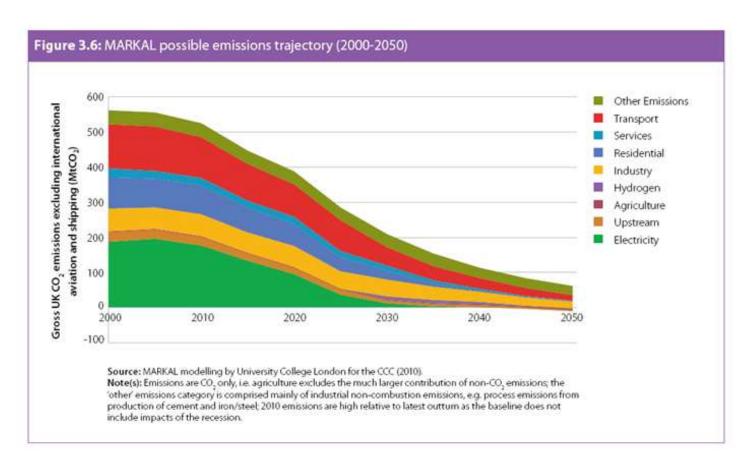
- Establishing the capacity to sort, recycle & reprocess
- Supporting recycling enterprises

## **Markets**

Building demand for & confidence in recycled polymers



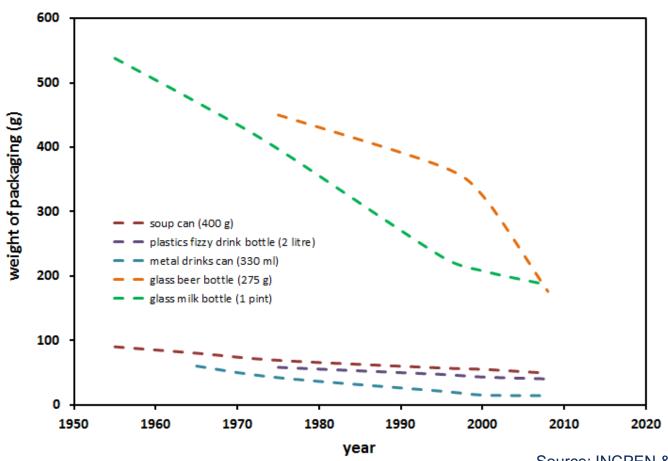
## Entering a period of significant CO<sub>2</sub>e reduction



From the UK Climate Change Committee "Fourth carbon budget"

## **Historical perspective**

Indicative packaging for some common products



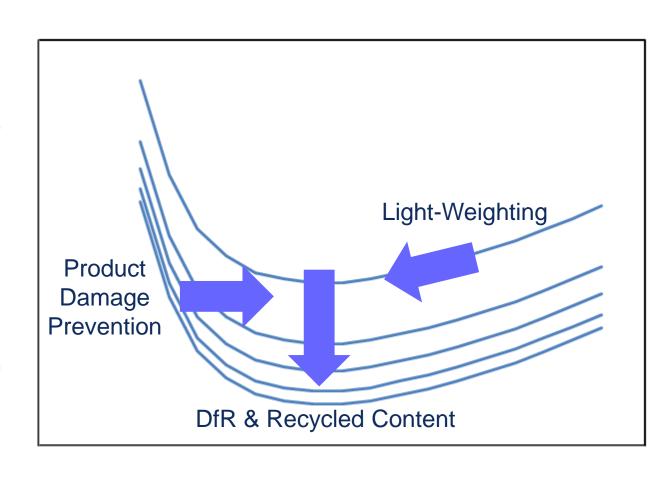
Source: INCPEN & various

## Trends in the market

- Shorter runs and more customisation
- Continued evolution of the private label
- Structural innovation:
  - shape and visual hierarchy
  - flexibility
- Materials substitution
- Integration of branding positioning and sustainability messages
- Innovative value-added retail solutions
- Rapid prototyping of packaged product & SC system
- Compression of the design approval process

## **New sources of innovation**

negative environmental impact



packaging weight

## **Courtauld 3 Commitment (2013-2015)**

WRAP has worked closely with CC2 signatories and the UK governments, to develop initial targets for the Courtauld 3 Commitment. The targets are still under consideration, and will be announced in spring 2013 when the new commitment is launched.

The grocery sector has made significant progress under Courtauld 1 & 2 to reduce food, packaging and supply chain waste in the UK and the third phase targets will continue to build on achievements to date.

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