

SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING IN FOOD & BEVERAGE INDUSTRY



Reduction of Plastic Footprint in F&B Industry

What's the buzz about sustainable packaging in the F&B sector?

- Due to increasing consumer awareness, all businesses now place a high priority on the safety and sustainability of product packaging due to the adverse effects that packaging, particularly plastics, has on human health and the environment
- Consumer demand and packaging regulation bodies both have put pressure on the F&B industry to adopt sustainable packaging solutions

Sustainable Packaging Industrial Trends

Bioplastics (PLA, PHA, PBS, FDCA)	Plant-based Material (Mushroom, Sugarcane Bagasse, Hemp, Seaweed)
Compostable Material (Paper, Cardboard)	Post-consumer Recycled Materials (Plastic, Aluminium)
Edible Packaging (Polysaccharides, Protein, Lipid)	

Why is climate-positive packaging important?

40 % of total plastic produced is used for Food & Beverages packaging

91 % of the plastic produced is non-recyclable, generating millions of tons of greenhouse gas emissions

Consumer Trends

43 % Customers reckon the importance of sustainability - as per The Food Institute's research

78 % Customers consider plastic-free packaging is favorable for the environment - as per the EIT Food Trust Report 2021

86 % Consumers below 45 are ready to pay extra for sustainable packaging - as per the global study conducted by Trivium Packaging

Industrial Trends

Chemical Recycling of Plastics

agilyx

Agilyx uses chemical recycling technology to convert post-use polystyrene waste into recycled styrene monomers

Mechanical Recycling of Plastics

KIVO FLEXIBLE PLASTICS

Kivo uses an extruder to recycle the waste plastic by mechanically grounding & melting it. Later, plastic granules are made from it

Carbon Capture & Transformation into Sustainable Packaging

LanzaTech DANONE

LanzaTech NZ, Inc., and Danone, have engineered a bacterium to convert captured carbon into monoethylene glycol (MEG), a building block for sustainable PET bottles

Biowaste into Paper Packaging

tensei

Tensei uses crop waste, grasses, and agricultural residue to manufacture paper-based packaging for the food industry

Waste Gases to Sustainable Packaging Material

MANGO MATERIALS

Mango Materials harvests methane from wastewater and converts it into polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHAs) biopolymers. These pellets can be used to make bioplastic

Municipal Waste to Sustainable Packaging Material

Enerkem NOVA Chemicals

Enerkem has collaborated with NOVA Chemicals to produce ethylene, a building block of plastic, to achieve recycled content in packaging

Solution Provider	Type of Material	Source	Product	Application
NOTPLA	Seaweed-based Material	Seaweed	Notpla Ooho	Packaging for Beverages
replan	Waste Upcycled Material	Upcycled Polythene & Aluminium	EcoAllene®	Packaging for F&B
CelluForce	Cellulose-based Material	Cellulose	CelluForce NCC®	Packaging for F&B
Lactips	Milk Protein-based Material	Casein Milk Protein	Lactips Bio Pellets	Packaging for F&B
seelution	Bio-based Barrier Material	Plant	Skalax®	Packaging for Sensitive Foodstuff
agilyx	Post use Polystyrene-based Material	Post use Polystyrene	TruStyrenyx™	Packaging for Yogurt
SULAPAC	Wood-based Material	Wood	Sulapac®	Packaging for Supplements
ORIGIN	Carbon-negative Material	Cardboard & Sawdust	Beverage Bottles	Packaging for Beverages
zume	Fiber-based Material	Molded Fiber	Pizza Pod	Packaging for Pizza
shelf	Ceramic-based Material	Ceramic	Ceramic Ramekins	Packaging of Dessert Mousse

DID YOU KNOW?

12,000 Food Contact Chemicals (FCCs) are utilized to create Food Contact Materials (FCMs) globally

Numerous regulations have been enacted globally to safeguard consumers from the adverse effects of FCMs used to wrap food & beverages

Regulatory Scenarios in Different Regions of the World

USA

Regulatory Authority: US Food & Drug Administration (FDA)

- FDA thoroughly reviews the FCCs for risk analysis before approval
- Exemptions to risk assessment requirements (under the Threshold of Regulation, Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS), and Basic Resin Doctrine) are eliminated
- Risk assessment through feeding studies to investigate endocrine disruption and effects on reproduction and nourishment
- Product labels should specify all the chemicals used in food packaging

Europe

Regulatory Authority: European Commission (EC)

- A sound regulatory framework, well-thought-out, and scientifically-supported regulations on FCM
- Issuing a written Declaration of Compliance (DoC) for each FCM is mandatory
- Businesses must mention about abiding by all applicable laws in the DoC and provide proof of compliance through labeling and supply chain documents
- Ensure conformity between FCM legislation and chemical legislation (REACH) to avert using substances prohibited by chemical legislation

APAC

The Asia Pacific region has complicated FCM rules due to the existence of multiple sub-region markets and jurisdictions endorsing local norms. Hence, compliance is needed on the following:

- Generating a list of chemicals prohibited in food packaging and specifying requirements for toxic-free packaging
- Mandate labeling of the chemicals used in packaging and the health hazards they pose

RoW

- South African food regulations are aligned with CODEX Alimentarius Commission guidelines
- The regulatory body prohibits manufacturing and trading of polycarbonate infant feeding bottles comprising Bisphenol A (BPA)
- As per Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority, BPA use is prohibited in manufacturing polycarbonate infant feeding bottles, and the concentration of vinyl chloride monomer shall not exceed 1 mg per kg in the final product

Entity Ecosystem

Post-consumer Recycled Plastic

Nestlé General Mills Keurig Dr Pepper McDonalds Coca-Cola Mondelez International PEPSICO Unilever DUPONT

Plant-based Packaging

Kellogg's Heinz Fonterra Danone Dairy for life Tetra Pak

Biopolymer-based Packaging

Ingredion Arla kuraray Cargill BACARDÍ

Paper-based Packaging

DIAGEO McCain HERSHEY Tyson Carlsberg Kruger

Plant-Based Packaging

Xampla BioPack agropak zume Candy Cutlery

Bio-Based Packaging

Lactips TIPA

Edible Packaging

DO EAT evoware Lactips

Seaweed-based Packaging

NOTPLA kelpi FlexSea evoware B'ZEOS

Water Soluble Material

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Academia/Universities

Biopolymer-based Packaging

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Biodegradable Paper-based Packaging

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY RIGA TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY LUND UNIVERSITY

Start-ups