

Diageo renews commitment to sustainable packaging

Alcoholic beverages company, Diageo, is renewing its commitment to sustainable packaging with the release of its revised Global Plastics and Packaging Guidelines, coinciding with World Environment Day being celebrated today.



For over a decade, Diageo says it has been committed to making packaging more sustainable – principally through increasing recycled content, reducing the weight and increasing recyclability of all product packaging.

While the majority of Diageo beverage products come in primary packaging made from glass and aluminium, the use of plastic packaging the world over is increasing. These formats are often more challenging to recycle post-consumer use, particularly in markets where recycling infrastructure is undeveloped, frequently resulting in increased litter, pollution and damage to marine environments. As such, the company has developed a supplementary guideline on plastics through its [Sustainable Packaging Commitments](#) document, which provides a detailed approach to recycling and addresses key issues specific to these materials.

Amongst a number of commitments in its new supplementary guideline on plastics, Diageo aims to increase the use of pre and post-consumer recycled plastic materials in their plastic formats, particularly Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) in line with the company's ambition to increase recycled content in all packaging. The document is aimed at the company's own teams and suppliers across the supply chain to addresses the key environmental risks, challenges and solutions.

"As a responsible company we are fully committed to making our packaging more sustainable," says David Cutter,

Diageo's president of global supply and procurement.

"We are committed to working with waste experts, consumer goods companies, governments and other stakeholders to find transformative recycling solutions. We also aim to engage consumers and governments to increase the supply of recycled PET by collaborating and promoting recycling and recycling infrastructure. It is our responsibility to work with others to make it as easy as possible for consumers to recycle packaging once they have purchased and used our products."

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