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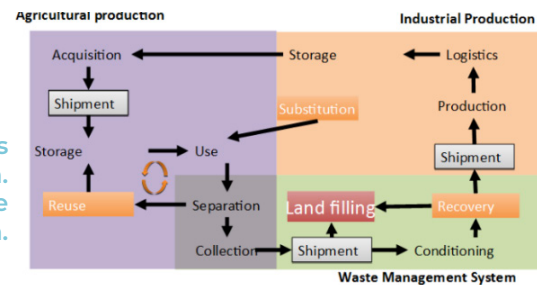
French action plan on inorganic waste reduction



General overview and case study

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Inorganic wastes are chemical substances of mineral origin, whereas organic wastes are chemical substances usually of animal or plant origin. It is important to realize that such waste is non-biodegradable hence unfriendly to the ecosystem.



Waste (both organic and inorganic) management and reduction is a priority for the French government, which has an ambitious agenda in terms of waste reduction and protection of the ecosystems. To achieve its objectives, plastic-banishment included, the government has designed an action plan, composed of both groundbreaking legislations and technical incentives. The food industry has a role to play, and its participation constitutes a major part of the French waste management strategy.

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR WASTE REDUCTION 2014-2020

This programme deals with all categories of waste and concentrates all the French economic players. It focuses on:

- Mobilising the industrial sectors in the service of waste prevention;
- Increasing the lifespan of products and combating planned obsolescence;
- Preventing waste from businesses;
- Preventing waste from construction and public works (new buildings and renovations);
- Developing reuse and repair;
- Continuing and strengthening the prevention of green waste -and the local management of bio-waste;
- Fight against food waste;
- Pursue and strengthen sectoral actions in favour of responsible consumption;
- Mobilise economic tools to provide incentives;
- Raising awareness and promoting the visibility of stakeholders and their efforts in favour of waste prevention;
- Deploying prevention in the territories through local planning and action; promote exemplary public administrations in terms of waste prevention; contribute to the marine waste reduction approach.

Programme national de prévention des déchets 2014-2020



OBJECTIVES

- A decrease of 7% of all household and assimilated waste per inhabitant per year by 2020 compared to 2010, in the continuity of the previous national plan (limited to household waste);
- A stabilization at the minimum of the production of waste from economic activities by 2020;
- A minimum stabilization of the production of construction waste by 2020, with a more precise reduction target to be defined.



THE FRENCH ACTION PLAN FOR THE FOOD SECTOR Towards ambitious goals

MEASURES CONCERNING THE AGRI-FOOD SECTOR:

Waste reduction and recovery plan 2014-2020

- The development of sorting and recovery of food waste by supporting the deployment of 25,000 shared composters at the foot of buildings and the progressive implementation of sorting at source of food waste from households and businesses,
- Decree setting the characteristics of single-use plastic bags which are banned since 1 January 2016, to allow the emergence of production channels for reusable bags,

Article L541-10-5 of the environment code – January 2020

- Prohibition of single-use plastics: disposable plates, cups (sold in sets), glasses (a single-use plastic product is defined as a product made wholly or partly from plastic and which is not designed, created or placed on the market to be reused for a use identical to that for which it was intended.)
- The anti-waste law for a circular economy programmes - through five-year plans - the gradual banning of all disposable plastic objects, with the aim of reaching zero disposable plastic by 2040 (washing powder cans, salad sachets, soda or shampoo bottles, cream tubes, yoghurt pots, etc.).

THE REINWASTE PROJECT IN THIS CONTEXT

- Helps companies to identify their problematics regarding inorganic waste management and reduction
- Proposes solutions to food industrials to reduce their inorganic waste production
- Offers alternatives to traditional packaging, thus helping industries to enter a circular economy dynamic
- Accompanies companies in the implementation of said solutions
- Helps food industries to comply to the new – and future – French legislations

TRENDS TO REDUCE INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Amongst the various trends explored by the companies to reduce the industrial waste, the REINWASTE project encourages them in France to :

- Reduce raw materials packaging (bags, vacuum bags, buckets and drums)
- Reduce process Packaging
- Reduce conditioning
- Design for reuse / recycling
- Increase recycled content

Links to articles in relation with the subject

- <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/actualites/A13760>
- <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/transition-ecologique-qui-change-au-1er-janvier-2020>
- <https://www.ecoco2.com/blog/lancement-du-plan-de-reduction-et-de-valorisation-des-dechets-2014-2020/>
- <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/eli/decret/2019/12/24/TREP1930965D/jo/texte>

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