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bpi.recycled products supports HAFS Voluntary Agreement

On the back of WRAP's announcement of a voluntary reduction agreement for the hospitality and food service sector, BPI RP has moved quickly to develop a new range of products to help support the achievement of the food waste reduction targets.

bpi.recycled products supports the aims of the HAFS Voluntary Agreement, which are to 1) To cut food and associated packaging waste by 5% 2) To increase the overall rate of food and packaging waste that is being recycled, sent to AD or composted to 70%.

Every year, WRAP estimates that 600ktes of food waste is disposed of in general waste by the hospitality and food service sectors and calculate that if just 25% of the sector were to sign up, they can save up to £76 million by the end of 2015, and reduce their CO₂ (e) impact by 570,000 tonnes.

With such clear economical and environmental benefits the need for simple and practical food waste collection schemes are essential. Using their years of experience working with waste management companies, bpi.recycled products has developed a range of sacks which are suitable for disposal via both In Vessel Composting (IVC) and Anaerobic Digestion Units (AD), both of which are likely to be play a key role in the eventual disposal of the single source food waste.

Sold under the The Green Sack Compostable brand and carrying BS EN 13432 approvals, the extensive new range covers a variety of sizes and grades to suit different applications and containers.

Commenting on the new range, Gerry McGarry, Commercial Director at bpi.recycled products said: “bpi.recycled products recognises the crucial need to reduce the amount of food waste being sent to landfill in the UK in order to minimise its resultant environmental impact. As such we condone the new voluntary agreement and are delighted to be at the forefront in supporting this initiative with new innovative waste collection solutions.”

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bpi rp compostable sack.jpg
bpi rp compostable kitchen caddy line.jpg
Anaerobic_digester.jpg

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Editor's notes:

- bpi.recycled products is the largest recycler of used polythene in Europe recycling over 68,000 tonnes of post-use polythene material from horticultural, commercial, retail, industrial and agricultural markets.
- bpi.recycled products uses some of these materials to manufacture its award winning Plaswood range of sustainable wood-substitute products. These products include park and garden furniture, street and countryside signs, bollards and marine decking.
- The environmental benefits of recycling plastic are becoming more widely recognised: maximising reusable material, diverting waste from landfill and conserving resources. bpi.recycled products has developed the necessary expertise and the infrastructure in the form of a network of Environment Agency accredited recycling plants to help drive these benefits forward.
- bpi.recycled products is a division of BPI (British Polythene Industries) plc, one of Europe's largest manufacturers of polythene films, bags and sacks.
- As a result of its commitment to operating in a sustainable way and to minimising the environmental impact of all of its activities, BPI won the Best Green Large Company category at the 2010 Scottish Green Awards.