

## Product Information: Oxo-degradable Plastics

Dear Valued Customer

This declaration is about the use of Oxo-degradable plastics in our products.

Definition of Oxo-degradable plastics is as follows:

Oxo-degradable plastics are conventional polymers (e.g. LDPE) to which chemicals are added to precipitate the oxidation and fragmentation of the material under the action of oxygen, accelerated by UV light and/or heat. The oxidation process enables a faster conversion of polymers into fragments. This fragmentation should then accelerate the process of biodegradation in the case of oxo-biodegradable plastics, i.e. the breakdown triggered by microorganisms into naturally occurring molecules such as carbon dioxide and water but the speed of this biodegradation process depends on multiple criteria. These criteria include the fragment size, the quantity of additives, and the environmental conditions to which the material is subjected (e.g. temperature, biotic factors) - conditions that vary significantly in practice. Packaging applications of oxodegradable plastics include carrier bags, blister packaging, bottles, labels, and caps. Oxodegradable plastics and similar materials are marketed and referred to in different ways, including oxo-biodegradable, photo/thermo-degradable, oxo-fragmentable or pro-oxidant additive containing plastics - a terminology we believe may confuse consumers, policymakers and companies.

**Please be advised that based on the information available to us, the current products offered in the product lines below do not contain any oxo-degradable plastic parts.**

This statement applies to the following product lines:

Circulum-EPS-GF-NF- grades

Circulum-EPS-ABGK - grades

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