



## RECYCLE AND COMPOSTABLE SYMBOLS ON FOOD PACKAGING



When buying food products, pay attention not only to their composition, but also to their packaging.

They carry symbols which tell us about their properties and reusability - everything you need to know to give food packaging the chance for a second life!

### RECYCLING SYMBOLS?



The Möbius Loop symbol means that the packaging is capable of being recycled, but may not have been made from recycled materials.



If the packaging does contain recycled material, the symbol will show a percentage (%) within the logo. This will indicate the amount of recycled materials used to make the item.



This symbol does not indicate that the packaging can be recycled. This is the production code specifying the type of plastic the item is made of.

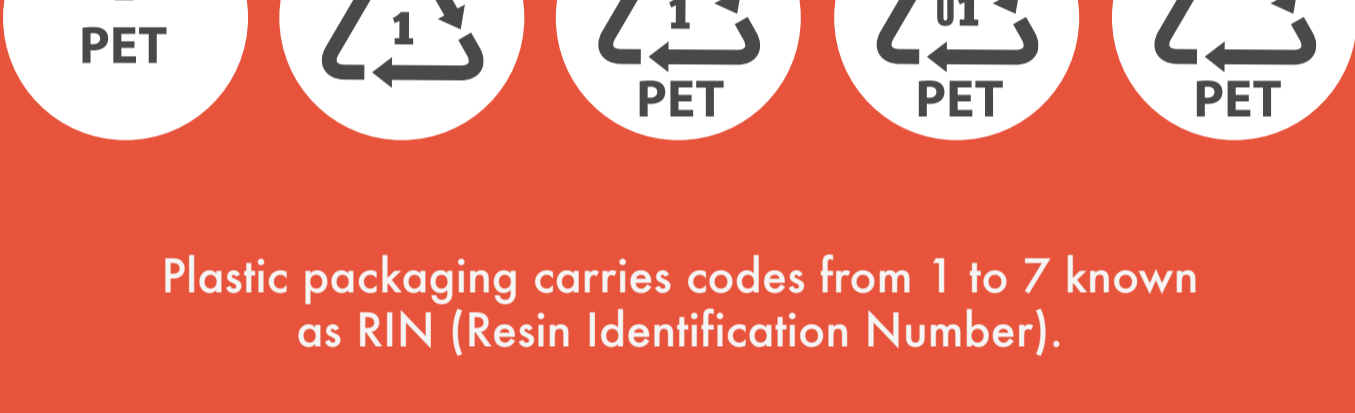
### DID YOU KNOW...

MÖBIUS LOOP INDICATES THAT THE PACKAGING IS MADE OF A MATERIAL THAT CAN BE RECYCLED.

BUT IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE. RECYCLABILITY DEPENDS ON WHETHER THERE IS A COMPANY IN THE COUNTRY THAT PROCESSES A GIVEN TYPE OF PACKAGING, WHETHER IT CAN BE SORTED OUT FROM THE WASTE STREAM, AND THE AMOUNT OF CONTAMINATION. IT HAPPENS THAT THE RECOVERY PROCESS IS IMPOSSIBLE OR UNPROFITABLE.



### PLASTIC RECYCLING SYMBOLS



Plastic packaging carries codes from 1 to 7 known as RIN (Resin Identification Number).

The numbers indicate the type of plastic you have in your hands.

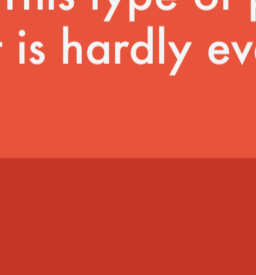
### THE PURPOSE OF RIN IS ALSO TO GIVE A GUIDE TO CONSUMERS WHO WANT TO RECYCLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS.

RIN&CODE	PACKAGING	RECYCLING IN PRACTICE
	plastic drinks and water bottles	
	certain types of milk/juice bottles	
	plastic labels, food foil	
	plastic bottle labels	
	trays for meat/cheese, delicatessen products, dairy packaging, packaging for loose products	
	dairy cups, takeaway coffee lids	
	candy packaging, bioplastic packaging	

Large scale

Small scale

Practically does not exist



RIN 7 (OTHER) collects are types of plastic that have not been classified yet. This type of packaging should be avoided as it is hardly ever recyclable.

### COMPOSTABLE SYMBOLS

Not all biodegradable packaging is compostable, but all compostable packaging is biodegradable.



The SEEDLING symbol tells us that the packaging will decompose during the composting process.

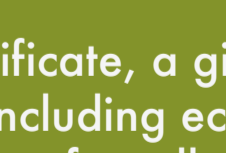
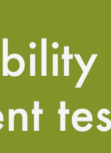
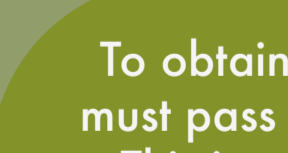
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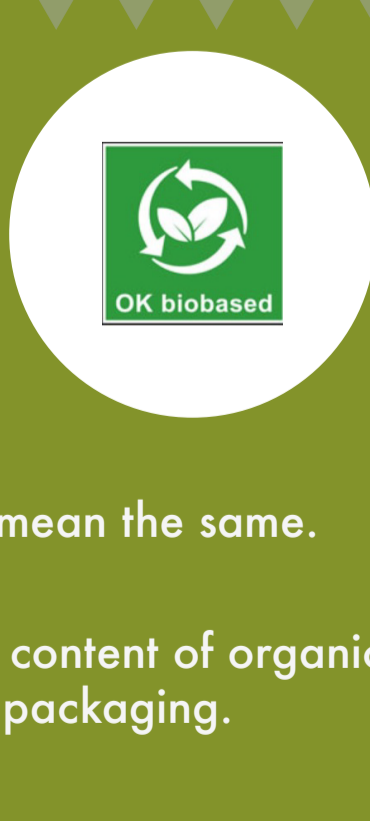
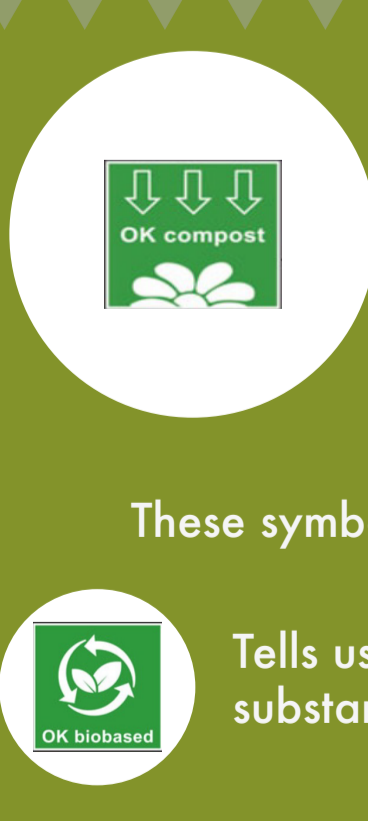
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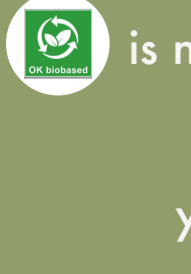
#### AT INDUSTRIAL FACILITY



To obtain a compostability certificate, a given package must pass many different tests, including ecotoxicity tests. This is a very important aspect, after all, the compost resulting from the decomposition of compostable packaging is used for plant breeding.



These symbols do not mean the same.



Tells us about the content of organic substances in the packaging.

### REMEMBER!



is not a confirmation of compostability,

so if it is not accompanied by



you should throw such packaging in the yellow plastic container.

