

# Recycled Plastics/Manufacturing New Goods: Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries Announces Position on Minimum Recycled Plastic Content



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The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (“ISRI”) issued a new position on minimum recycled plastic content in the manufacturing of new goods.

ISRI takes the position that the use of recycled plastic in new products is an environmentally responsible activity that strengthens the economy by creating jobs and investment opportunities.

ISRI is a national trade association for the scrap/recycling industries based in Washington, D.C., with 1,300 member companies operating at more than 4,000 locations in the United States and internationally. The Association’s members are present throughout the recycling chain, and include those companies processing, brokering, and consuming metals, paper, plastics, glass, textiles, rubber, and electronics.

ISRI’s new position is stated to encourage efforts that will:

- Spur demand for recycled plastics
- Increase the commitment by stakeholders throughout the supply chain to ensure plastics are responsibly manufactured, collected, and recycled into new products

ISRI’s position supports:

- Legislation that expands the use of recycled plastic in applications that are appropriate, noting these levels will vary by application and type of plastic;
- Efforts by manufacturers and brand owners to increase the use of recycled plastic resin beyond legislated levels and applications, when possible;
- Manufacturers incorporating the principles of Design for Recycling® (DfR) to ensure their products are more easily recycled;
- Stakeholder efforts that seek to increase plastic recycling through public education, outreach and advocacy to meet growing demand for recycled plastic; and
- Efforts that look at the life cycle assessment of a plastic product to help manufacturers make informed choices on the inclusion of recycled plastic resin.

A link to the ISRI news release can be found [here](#).