

### Products based on recovered paper – be compliant, remain compliant



Fig. 1: Participants/Schulte Trebsen © PTS

Recovered paper-based paper products are widely used in food packaging food logistics. For sustainability reasons, they are in greater demand than ever before. However, recovered paper as a secondary fibre source may contain substances originating from primary production or recycling that could migrate into the packaged products. Some of those substances are subject to legal regulations or controversial debates regarding their impact on human health.

During the past few years, this situation led to recurrent public debate and product recall programmes as well as new legal regulations. Therefore, the issue of conformity is more relevant than ever before.

As early as in 2016, PTS launched the **specialist platform “Food packaging made of paper”** as a

common pre-competitive discussion and work platform in which the participants have the opportunity to identify research needs, generate knowledge and find technical solutions for the current problems of recovered paper-based packagings in a protected environment.

Apart from offering latest legislation and press news, this platform is used for the presentation or joint creation of research projects, new analytical methods and process developments. Members discuss current projects in the fields of inspection of incoming recovered-paper, allergens, fibre recycling and reject utilization, or new systems/innovations for the detection of noxious substances.

#### The benefit for members?

They take an active part in designing the future of paper recycling with custom-tailored R&D projects geared to entrepreneurial needs. Moreover, they have direct access to the expertise and skills of PTS and its cooperation partners and get information and research results at first hand. The members join forces to come up with cooperative solutions on a win-win basis – from fund raising via expert knowledge

You wish to know more about PTS specialist platform “Food packaging made of paper”? Do not hesitate to contact our coordinators.



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and budgeting up to demonstrations on production plants.

Last but not least, the specialist platform “Food packaging made of paper” provides the opportunity and the non-public framework for participating companies to work on solutions to politically difficult issues. We seek a vivid exchange in biannual meetings at changing locations. ■

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