

GRACE LOCAL PRIORITY PLATFORMS

How GRACE contributes to uBC collection and recycling at a local level

Following the launch of the Global Recycling Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment (GRACE) in October 2019, several local platforms (Working Groups) have been established to reflect GRACE partners' joint commitment to promoting collection and recycling solutions for beverage cartons at a local level. The GRACE Working Groups provide a forum for partners to collectively discuss, develop and drive forward joint projects and initiatives that are mutually beneficial for the industry as a whole.

➤ **Australia**

GRACE Partners are committed to:

- Building meaningful partnerships in support of packaging circularity in Australia.
- Supporting the development of onshore recycling capacity in Australia. As a top priority, the group is focused on partnering with the recycling industry to launch a pilot recycling facility in an Australian population centre.
- Working with local councils to increase used beverage collection (uBC) collection and sorting. This requires a differentiated approach, taking into account the various existing collection and sorting systems implemented by local councils across Australia.

➤ **China**

GRACE Partners are committed to:

- Supporting separate collection and promoting used beverage carton could be collected and sorted through recyclable waste stream.
- Fostering the development of infrastructure to improve collection and recycling capabilities.

➤ **Russia**

GRACE Partners are committed to:

- Supporting joint positioning of the carton industry on the Russian market in response to emerging global trends.
- Supporting the implementation of the revised EPR legislation.
- Increasing consumer awareness regarding the recyclability of BCs. Supporting collection of uBCs, notably through awareness campaigns and infrastructure.

➤ **South Africa**

GRACE Partners are committed to:

- Developing an EPR plan for beverage carton collection & recycling, as required by law, including a commitment on the quantity to be diverted from landfill or incineration.

- Supporting consumer awareness-raising campaigns regarding the recyclability of BCs. Domestic collection rates for uBCs are low as collection infrastructure is insufficient and consumers are not aware that uBCs can be recycled.
- Joining efforts with domestic PolyAl recyclers to work to increase the number of end markets, as well as exploring potential regional opportunities.

➤ **Thailand**

GRACE Partners are committed to:

- Facilitating the establishment and development of the local PRO, and working collectively to increase domestic collection rates.
- Increasing consumer awareness regarding the recyclability of BCs.
- Improving collection to develop markets for the end products using recycled uBCs. Separation of uBCs at source is critical as it will help increase quality and collection volume.
- Encouraging the introduction of EPR legislation for beverage carton to drive their collection & recycling.