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The Technical Committee of the European PET Bottle Platform (EPBP) was requested to evaluate the effect of ColorMatrix's HyGuard HyCat-1 (280-10120-1) technology on the quality of recycled PET. This oxygen scavenger is intended for use at a maximum concentration of 0.10% to provide product protection and extend shelf life of oxygen sensitive beverages and foods packaged in PET.

Data supplied from tests carried out according to the EPBP testing protocol¹ demonstrated no negative impact on current European PET recycling if ColorMatrix HyGuard HyCat-1 (280-10120-1) at a maximum concentration of 0.10% is used in levels of up to 10% of the PET bottle market.

In addition, the HyGuard Closures floated on the washing water and were thus removed during the sink-float step.

Based on the assessment's outcome and current market's knowledge in 2011 EPBP concludes that ColorMatrix HyGuard HyCat-1 (280-10120-1) will have no negative impact on current European PET recycling.

¹ February 2010