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The Technical Committee of the European PET Bottle Platform (EPBP) was requested to evaluate the effect of Kureha Corporation's Kuredux Polyglycolic Acid resin (PGA) on the quality of recycled PET. This passive barrier is intended for use as a middle layer in a multilayer structure at a maximum level of 5% to provide product protection and extend shelf life of beverages and foods packaged in PET.

Data supplied from tests carried out according to the EPBP testing protocol demonstrated no negative impact on current European PET recycling if Kuredux Polyglycolic Acid, at a maximum concentration of 5% and as the middle layer of a 3-layer structure with no tie layers, is used in levels of up to 10% of the PET bottle market.

Based on the assessment's outcome and current market's knowledge in 2012, EPBP concludes that Kureha Polyglycolic Acid will have no negative impact on current European PET recycling.