

Walkers Shortbread Ltd have always been committed to protecting the environment and this is embodied in our Environmental Policy. We ensure that energy, water, raw materials and waste levels are monitored, kept to a minimum and reduced where possible. Walkers Shortbread Ltd complies with all relevant quality and environmental legislation and changes are put into place as appropriate.

Experienced and trained staff ensure that packaging is not wasted when setting machines and only the required amount of packaging is used to enclose products. This ensures that a suitable shelf life is maintained which reduces the risk of food waste.

Packaging reductions have been made to ensure that only the necessary volumes of plastics are used. Skillets and films have been reduced in thickness as far as is practically possible thus reducing the amount of plastics we use.

We supply many customers and have switched product trays (skillets) from coloured plastic to clear plastic as these clear trays are recyclable. Coloured plastic is less desirable because the colour cannot be removed, restricting its re-use. This is an ongoing project and we are currently switching over our trays from January 2019 as stocks run out. Walkers produce @3000 SKUs so to avoid packaging waste, old stocks are used up prior to any changes being implemented. We have also asked our tray suppliers where it is possible to add a recycling symbol to trays.

Plastic skillets used by Walkers Shortbread Ltd are made from 80% recycled rPET material and is recyclable where schemes exist.

On-site plastic reduction activities include the banning of plastic straws for staff use in canteens; employees are encouraged to take their own cups into work and to store them in the canteens for hot drinks to reduce the volume of single use plastics being required. New biodegradable packaging is being trialled in our canteens for staff use. This will significantly reduce the volume of non-recyclable plastics that are used. There is an ongoing program of communicating with suppliers to look at the volume of plastic packaging that comes in with ingredients or packaging stocks and reduce it where possible.

Plastic recycling is carried out through a local recycling company, who are a registered carrier and broker of Waste Registration Number: SCO/044864. They are fully equipped to handle all types of plastic waste from films to hard plastics. Plastic recycling is collected on a weekly basis; it is then taken to the local recycling facility and sorted into the various types of plastic to be recycled.

Please see our website for further information on our Environmental Policy.