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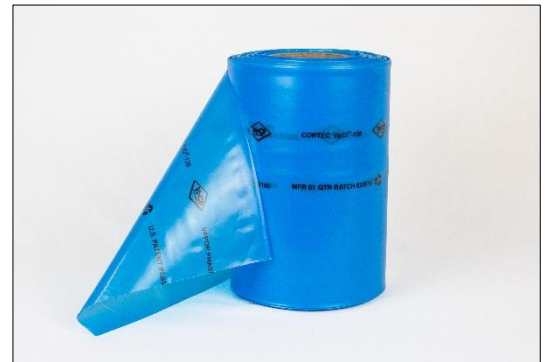


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PRESS RELEASE**



## **Cortec® Raises the Bar: All VpCI®-126 Bags Now Made with Minimum 20% Recycled Content**

[Cortec®](#) is pleased to announce that, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, all [VpCI®-126](#) bags are now made with 20% minimum recycled content. This move helps suppliers and end-users keep pace more easily with increasing recycled content mandates around the globe. Additionally, both [Cortec® Advanced Films](#) (US) and [EcoCortec®](#) (Europe) continue to meet customer requirements of up to 30% PCR (post-consumer recycled) content upon request.



### **The Advantage of 20% Minimum Recycled Content**

By standardizing VpCI®-126 film and bags to contain a minimum of 20% recycled content, Cortec® and EcoCortec® have simplified compliance for multinationals that might otherwise have to reconfigure their entire supply chain to keep up with changing demands. For example, corporations shipping packaged parts to India ([a country shifting to 20% recycled content minimums for imported flexible plastic packaging by 2027](#)) do not have to

find a new supplier or order custom bags in order to meet the forthcoming mandate. Nor will they have to deal with the confusion of ordering different bags for exports to India vs. other countries. Instead, they can continue ordering the same

standard packaging, ready to meet 2027 requirements. At the same time, Cortec® is raising all VpCI®-126 users to a higher standard of recycled content. This automatically improves their environmental image and reduces the use of virgin plastic even in areas without mandates.

### **Circular Economy Opportunities**

Qualified VpCI®-126 users also have the opportunity to participate directly in the circular economy by becoming a Cortec®/EcoCortec® recycling partner. Both US and European plants are currently accepting inquiries from US and European customers, respectively, who have large amounts of clean used VpCI® film or offcuts to recycle. This program is especially ideal for companies with large supply chains that receive parts packed in VpCI®-126 film and need a convenient disposal channel. Approved Cortec® recycling partners can reclaim this waste material by sending it back to Cortec®/EcoCortec® for reprocessing into new VpCI®-126 film to close the recycling loop. Cortec® tests the recycled resin to ensure moisture and melt consistency with standard raw materials and conducts physical property tests to verify that the new film maintains the necessary integrity for effective corrosion protection. Furthermore, each batch of VpCI®-126 film is marked for traceability, an increasingly important feature for users in countries that require documentation.



### **Join Us in the Path to Sustainable Corrosion Protection**

As the market shifts, Cortec® is here to help users adapt to fluctuating demands and encourage a higher level of sustainability. At Cortec®, quality corrosion protection and environmental responsibility are priorities that go hand in hand to guide our research and development. [Join Cortec®/EcoCortec® in the journey to a circular economy by asking us more about our recycled content and recycling options.](#)

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