

Dow along with China's leading dairy to commercialize resin based shrink film

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Dow, with its strategic recycling partners, utilizes domestic plastic waste collected from milk, water, and juice bottles, as well as a discarded flexible film within China, and transforms them into PCR resins. Specifically, the PCR resin is incorporated into the core layer of the collation shrink film and performs comparably to conventional options made with virgin resins. With the inclusion of recycled content in secondary packaging, brand owners like Mengniu can significantly reduce carbon emissions and footprint in their value chains while giving a new life to used plastics that would otherwise have become waste.

"Following our last partnership between Dow and our premium dairy brand, Shiny Meadow, to construct China's first ever 'plastic road' using recycled milk bottles, this initiative continues our trajectory to contribute to a circular plastics economy and close the loop by working with materials that are sustainable and recyclable," said **Pengcheng Li, vice president, Mengniu Dairy**. "Being able to lead the green development in the dairy industry while setting a benchmark for others to follow in terms of sustainability, we hope to further our vision with the support of Dow to uphold environmental responsibility; increase use of recycled plastics, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and address the plastic waste issue in response to growing consumer concern about the environment."