

SOLUTION SHEET NO. 4

Sorting and collection of pasta packaging

The single-use plastic(s) concerned:

Pasta packaging

Area: commissary/kitchen

Prioritisation criteria: high volumes, not separated for recycling

Usage description:

Primary and secondary packaging for different types of pasta, made from flexible plastic, not collected for recycling



✔ Alternative selected

Implementation of separation and collection for these flexible plastics: free collection by a private operator from Tunis

🚫 Alternatives rejected and why

Bulk buying: producers in Tunisia do not offer this option for pasta

⚙️ Technical and financial information:

- Secondary and tertiary pasta packaging waste are separated at source by the kitchen steward and then collected by a private company (Hamza Plast).
- In order to ensure the financial viability of transport for the operator, other sorted waste with added value are handed to the collector by La Badira.
- The operation costs nothing for either La Badira or for the municipal waste collection service.

Going further:

Actions for the upstream reduction of pasta packaging

- Bulk buying.
- Purchasing larger-volume packs of pasta.
- Request to suppliers to remove excess packaging.

Environmental and social impacts:

- Favourable end-of-life environmental impact: 21 kg of plastic separated and collected for recycling in under 2 months.

- Change management for staff: display of procedures and training cycles for separation at source. Staff feedback is positive and shows that this new system entails relatively few practical changes.

💡 THE ADVICE FROM LA BADIRA

- The cooks will need to be motivated and regularly informed of the importance of separation.
- The separation must be properly monitored to avoid being mixed with other plastics with food residue, which will complicate collection for recycling.