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A common aspirational path towards sustainable food systems

2024 PROGRESS REPORT

SUNTORY
BEVERAGE & FOOD EUROPE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUGAR REDUCTION:

GOAL: 35% added sugar reduction by 2025 **RESULT:** 26% added sugar reduction YTD





WASTE REDUCTION:

GOAL: Zero waste to landfill

RESULT: 94% of factory waste was recycled in 2023



GOAL: 50% recycled plastic in our bottles by 2025 or sooner

RESULT: An average of 44% recycled plastic in European portfolio YTD





RECYCLABILITY:

GOAL: Ensuring our packaging is 100% recyclable by 2025

RESULT: 75% recyclability YTD

REDUCING EMISSIONS:

GOAL: 50% reduction in GHG emissions scope 1 & 2 by 2030

RESULT: 19.4% reduction YTD

GOAL: 30% reduction in GHG emissions scope 3 by 2030

RESULT: 14% reduction YTD





WATER REDUCTION:

GOAL: 20% reduction in water use across our operations by 2030

RESULT: 15% water reduction YTD

HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE DIETS FOR EUROPEAN CONSUMERS

SUGAR REDUCTION

COMMITMENTS:

35% added sugar reduction by 2025

Baseline: 2015



26% added sugar reduction from our baseline

Status: 2023

- In Spain, Schweppes Indian Tonic had a 58% sugar reduction.
- Our Spain market reached 98% portfolio in low/zero calorie drinks.
- GB&I launched Lucozade Zero Alert and Lucozade Sport Zero.
- Oasis Tropical sugar free launched in 2023.
- We did sugar reduction in our Schweppes Agrume and Pulco, Citronnade products.
- We launched Orangina Zero in France, Schweppes Orange Zero in Spain, and Schweppes Bitter Lemon with sugar reduction in Belgium.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

Sugar reductions are also enabled by the complementary use of sweeteners. JECFA re-confirmed acceptable daily intake (ADI) of 0-40 mg/kg body weight for aspartame - 9-14 cans of 200 or 300 mg per day. It is important that this is taken in due consideration in possible future legislation on nutrient profile and FOPL and continue to have evidence-based dietary recommendations.



PREVENTION & REDUCTION OF FOOD WASTE

IMPROVING OUR INTERNAL OPERATIONS

COMMITMENTS:

Reducing food waste from production by 50% by 2030

Baseline: 2021

0% waste to landfill from our factories

Baseline: 2019



PROGRESS:

94% of factory waste was recycled in 2023.1% of waste went to landfill, our 2023 target of 0% was not met.

- We have strong relationships with food banks in Ireland, Netherlands, Belgium, Poland, Spain, and France which we support financially, as well as with product donations.
- The strong Dana storm in Toledo had a negative impact on our progress and caused 1% of our waste to end up landfill.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

 We support the EC proposal to reduce food waste across the EU and to contribute by reducing 10% in our processing and manufacturing. We also support helping consumers, restaurants and food services reduce by 30% (per capita) their footprint, working jointly with our partners.

AN OPTIMISED CIRCULAR AND RESOURCE-EFFICIENT FOOD CHAIN IN EUROPE

SUSTAINABLE AND RECYCLED PACKAGING

COMMITMENTS:

100% sustainable plastic bottles by 2030, switching to recycled and biobased materials, and fully moving away from fossil fuels-based virgin plastic.

This includes using a minimum of 50% recycled plastic in our bottles by 2025 or sooner.

Baseline: 2019



Our European portfolio of brands now contains an average of 44% of recycled plastic (rPET).

- Oasis launched 100% rPET in France.
- Pulco became 100% rPET in France and Benelux
- Suntory Beverage & Food Europe continues to invest in new, innovative technologies including being a member of the Carbios consortium, dedicated to bringing enzymatic recycling at scale to enable circularity.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

 We support PPWR provisions which tackle bio-based plastic packaging, and open to the possibility to introduce requirements and targets to increase its use in plastic packaging; and to achieve the minimum recycled content targets by using bio-based plastic feedstock.



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RECYCLABLE PACKAGING

COMMITMENTS:

Ensuring our packaging is 100% recyclable by 2025 by designing for circularity.

Baseline: 2019



75% recyclability in 2023 (average across SBFE product portfolio).

- Our packaging development and engineering teams have been working to transition our plastic beverage containers to have tethered caps in line with the Single Use Plastics Directive.
- Oasis France launched the first tethered cap for SBFE in April 2023.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

 We look forward to work with the EC on the drafting of upcoming delegated and implementing acts to implement the PPWR provisions, particularly to truly enable higher quality recyclability, which is the precondition for effective closed loop systems and instrumental for meeting our 2030 target.



A CLIMATE NEUTRAL FOOD CHAIN IN EUROPE BY 2050

REDUCING EMISSIONS

COMMITMENTS:

By 2030

50% reduction in GHG emissions in Scope 1&2 30% reduction in GHG emissions in Scope 3

Net zero emissions by 2050 or sooner across whole value chain

Baseline: 2019



PROGRESS:

2023 carbon footprint overall reduction of 2.2% v 2022, 14.3% reduction v 2019 baseline Scope 1,2 19.4% reduction v baseline Scope 3 14% reduction v baseline

- We continue to use 100% renewable purchased electricity for our factories and owned buildings in the EU and UK.
- We installed solar panels in our Toledo factory, saving 615t CO2 p/a.
- We replaced sugar pasteurizer with UV system in our Meyzieu factory in France.
- We increased the recycled content in our production for the key packaging materials and decreased the quantity purchased (in Kg) which led to a decrease of the packaging GHG Emissions.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

 We support the EC proposal to aim for a 90% emissions reduction by 2040 which is in line with our 2050 net-zero target. It is important that our ability to communicate our progress towards this goal to consumers is facilitated (via the Green Claims Directive) and maintained as an incentive for our partners along the supply chain to remain committed to cooperation.

AN OPTIMISED CIRCULAR AND RESOURCE-EFFICIENT FOOD CHAIN IN EUROPE

WATER REDUCTION

COMMITMENTS:

20% reduction in water use across our operations by 2030

Baseline: 2019

PROGRESS:

In water reduction, we reached 15% in 2023

- In addition to water reduction activities at our factories we also invest in water conservation and education initiatives.
- In Spain, in 2022 we launched Guardianes del Tajo, a new water conservation project operating in the Guajaraz reservoir (supplying our Toledo factory) which aims at engaging with local people to raise awareness on issues surrounding the water ecosystem. In 2023, we finished the part 1 of the reforestation project.
- Spain Mizuiku water education programme continued to give education to future generations.
- Our water education programme Mizuiku launched in UK in May 2023.

POLICY RECOMMENDATION:

 We welcome the EC renewed attention to the topic of water resilience and we will support possible upcoming EU initiatives in this area, as well as further guidance on best practices for business on how to decrease their water footprint.

