



comieco

Consorzio Nazionale Recupero e Riciclo
degli Imballaggi a base Cellulosica

ABOUT COMIECO

Comieco is the National Consortium for the Recovery and Recycling of Paper and Board Packaging.

The main goal of the Consortium is to achieve the recovery and recycling targets set by the European rules – which provide for a minimum 60% recycling of paper and board by 2008 – through a strict policy for prevention and development of the separate collection of the paper and board packaging available for consumption.

Comieco, upon agreement with CONAI (the National Packaging Consortium), operates the collection, recycling, and recovery system thereof.

Established in 1985 as a voluntary initiative of a group of private entrepreneurs in the paper manufacturing sector, Comieco was incorporated as the National Consortium for the Recovery and Recycling of Paper and Board Packaging through the implementation in Italy of Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste with Legislative Decree No. 22/97, and its statute was approved with Ministerial Decree of July 15, 1998..

COMIECO NUMBERS

(reference year:
2016)

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MEMBERS

Comieco has approximately 3,300 members, including packaging paper and board manufacturers and importers, processors, packaging importers, and paper processing plants.

PACKAGING

Apparent paper and board packaging consumption: 4.7 million tons

Estimated paper and board packaging consumption in Italy: 78 kg per inhabitant per year

RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

Results achieved by Comieco: Recovery: 88% Recycling: 80%

SEPARATE COLLECTION

Separate paper and board collection in Italy:

over 3,2 million tons

Each Italian citizen collected separately approximately 53.1 kg of paper and board within the home-based collection circuit

Total collection of paper for recycling in Italy (of household and industrial origin): 6.5 million tons, i.e. 100 kg per inhabitant per year

INDUSTRIAL USE OF PAPER FOR RECYCLING

The Italian member paper mills used more than 5 million tons