

	Category A (ideal)	Category B (not ideal / not detrimental)	Category C (detrimental)
Colourants	Clear / no colour / natural; Colour light blue/green or other light colours and tints only	Colour - Strong tints dark blue/ green/brown	Dark or solid colours; Opaque white and others; Opaque black; Metallic colours; and use of fillers.
Barrier coatings & layers	No barrier/coating layers; Plasma coatings e.g. Chemical Vapour Deposition; SiO _x Monox/Monobar; Other blended additives/processing aids; Other PET based carriers	PEN barrier layer (if <3% total bottle weight) Amasorb barrier layer (if <3% total bottle weight)	EVOH / Amasorb / MXD6 Any nylon based barrier layers
Closures	HDPE/ LDPE/ PP		Metals / PS / PVC; Any other materials density >1g/cm ³
Closure liners and seals	No closure liners; HDPE, PP, PP+EVA/EVOH; PE+EVA/EVOH; EVA or EVOH if it floats i.e. density <1g/cm ³	Foamed PET; Paper; Silicone 'swimming' valves (density <1g/cm ³); Any other closures which float after granulation	Metal / PVC / EVA / Silicone / Neck foils of density >1g/cm ³ Any other material of density >1g/cm ³
Labels	No label; HDPE / MDPE / LDPE / LLDPE / PP / OPP / EPS / PET	Paper labels	Pressure sensitive; Self –adhesive labels; PVC / PS / Metallised labels
Sleeves	No Sleeve; PE / PP / OPP / EPS / foamed PET sleeves with density <1g/cm ³ and showing at least 40% of the bottle. Other films of density <1g/cm ³	PET sleeves; Full body shrink sleeves showing <40% of bottle; Full body shrink sleeves – fully colour printed	Contains any PVC Contains any Polystyrene (PS) Any other materials of density >1g/cm ³
Adhesives	No adhesive; Water soluble in 60 -80 ° C Plastic wrap, minimum glue e.g. lap join	Strong adhesives with paper labels Around 50% of adhesive not removable	Water insoluble (even at elevated temperatures and/or pH); Any non-removable glues
Base Cups	No base cup	HDPE / PP / clear PET	Coloured PET and other plastics density >1g/cm ³
Other components & bottle size	No other components Diameter > 50mm, length >100mm	Diameter 40 – 50mm, length < 100mm	Any polymer with density >1g/cm ³ PVC / PLA / PS / PETG Diameter < 30mm, length < 100mm