

Bioplastics – Collection of Corporate Commitments and Targets in Japan

As of January 2021

1. Targets for Manufacturing and Sales of Bioplastic Finished Products

| Industry | Company | Target product(s) and application | Substitute material | Target level | Target period | Reference URL | |
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| Manufacturing | Beverage | Asahi Group Holdings | PET bottles, plastic bottles, caps used for PET and plastic bottles, certain plastic containers and plastic cups (used for sales), etc. | eco-friendly materials, such as bio-based materials (including bio-based plastics) and recycled materials | Begin examinations for achieving a 100% conversion | 2030 | Asahi Group "3R + Innovation" https://www.asahigroup-holdings.com/en/csr/environment/products.html |
| | | Asahi Soft Drinks | Plastic containers and packaging (PET bottles, labels, caps, plastic bottles) | Plant-derived materials (including bio-based plastics), recycled PET, and/or other eco-friendly materials | 60% by weight | 2030 | Asahi Soft Drinks "Containers and Packaging 2030" https://www.asahigroup-holdings.com/en/csr/environment/products.html |
| | Coca-Cola (Japan) Company | All PET bottles | Sustainable materials (recycled PET resin and bio-based PET plastic) | All PET bottles will be made from recycled PET resin or bio-based PET plastic | 2025 | Coca-Cola (Japan) Company "Sustainability Report 2020" https://www.cocacola.co.jp/sustainability/en | |
| | | | | | Sustainable materials to be made 100% (10% bio-based PET plastic, 90% "bottle to bottle") | | 2030 |
| | ITOEN | PET bottles | Recycled materials (including plant-derived materials such as bio-based plastics) | 100% | 2030 | ITO EN Group Medium- to Long-Term Environmental Goals https://www.itoen-global.com/management/csr_csv/environment.php | |
| | | Oi Ocha tea bags | Plant-based biodegradable plastics (PLA) | Use in tea bag filters | 2021 | ITO EN "Presentation Material for the nine-month period ended January 31, 2020" https://www.itoen-global.com/ir/pdf/2020/pr/jan20.pdf | |
| | Kirin Holdings Company | Beverage containers and packaging | Bio-PET, bio-PE etc. | Sustainable containers and packaging (biomass and recycled materials etc.) 100% | 2050 | Kirin Group "Kirin Group Environmental Vision 2050" https://www.kirinholdings.co.jp/english/news/2020/0210_01.html Kirin Group "Kirin Group Environmental Report 2020" (p.10 and 46) https://www.kirinholdings.co.jp/english/csv/report/env/pdf/environmental2020e.pdf | |
| | | | | | *"Biomass" includes bio-based plastics. | | |
| | KYUSEI BEVERAGE (Sales subsidiary: STAR NINE) | Soft drink products | Plant-based environmentally friendly materials (including bio-based plastics), recycled materials, etc. | Continue examinations and investigations for the use. | — | KYUSEI website https://www.kyusei.co.jp/ | |
| Study will be conducted for the introduction. | | | | | — | | Kirin Group "Kirin Group Plastic Policy" https://www.kirinholdings.co.jp/english/news/2019/0207_01.html |

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| Manufacturing | Sapporo Holdings | Containers and packaging | Renewable resources *Including bio-based plastics | Increase the use of renewable resources, and reduce dependency on exhaustible resources *Renewable resources include bio-based plastics. | — | Sapporo Group “Containers and Packaging Vision” https://www.sapporoholdings.jp/en/csr/earth/3r/container/ |
| | | | Containers and packaging suitable for a recycling-oriented society (in addition to the continued use of cans, glass bottles, and barrels that can be recycled and reused, the use of renewable PET resins, biodegradable plastics, and biomass materials, as well as the use of FSC-certified paper) *Biomass materials include bio-based plastics. *The materials will be selected as appropriate according to the conditions of use and disposal. | 100% (long-term vision) | 2050 | Sapporo Group “Containers and Packaging Vision” https://www.sapporoholdings.jp/en/csr/earth/3r/container/ |
| | Suntory Holdings | All the PET bottles used globally | Recycled or plant-derived materials (e.g. bio-based plastics) | 100% | 2030 | Suntory Group “Suntory Group Plastic Policy” https://www.suntory.com/csr/activity/environment/reduce/plastic/ |
| Food | Calbee | Food packaging | Plant-derived raw materials such as bio-PE and bio-PET, and recycled raw materials *Consideration will be given in the future to the adoption of bio-PP etc., which are not currently commercially available. | Reduce plastics made from oil that are used in our packaging by 50% (from the 2018 level) | 2030 | Calbee “Targets to promote plastic resources circulation” https://www.calbee.co.jp/newsrelease/200910.php |
| | J-Oil Mills | Containers and packaging *We significantly reduced the volume of plastic employed for our "AJINOMOTO Karaage no hi no abura (The special oil for fried chicken)", launched in FY 2018, by using pouches that employ vapor deposition barrier technology and increase storage life. In addition, we are employing bioplastics derived from sugarcane (biomass), for which we have received an Eco Mark. | Bio-based plastics, recycled plastics, easily recyclable materials, etc. | Actively strive to realize environmentally conscious product development | — | J-Oil Mills, INC. “Guidelines for Containers and Packaging” (p.46) https://pdf.irpocket.com/C2613/bbZB/kTTB/xXBa.pdf |

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| Manufacturing | Kagome | Straws for paper beverage packs | recyclable materials (plant-derived materials such as bio-based plastics and paper materials) | 100% | 2030 | Kagome "Integrated Report 2020" https://www.kagome.co.jp/library/company/ir/data/integratedreport/2020/pdf/report_2.pdf | |
| | Meiji Holdings | Plastic packaging, straws attached to products, etc. | Bio-based plastics and recycled plastics | Work on increasing the use *Specific examples - Use of bio-based plastic in straws attached to beverage products (approximately 600 million straws per year). - Use of bio-based plastic in the plastic cups of Meiji's SAVAS at a rate of 10%. | Bio-based plastics will be blended sequentially from the second half of FY 2020. | Meiji Group "Meiji Group Plastic Policy" https://www.meiji.com/global/sustainability/policies/pdf/meiji_group_plastic_policy.pdf | |
| | MORINAGA MILK INDUSTRY | Plastic containers and packaging (cups, flexible packaging) | Bio-based plastics, recycled plastics | Expand the use *Currently under consideration but not finalized | — | Morinaga Milk "Sustainability Data Book 2020" https://www.morinagamilk.co.jp/english/csr/pdf/2020/morinaga2020e.pdf | |
| | Nissin Foods Holdings | Cup Noodle cup | Bio-based plastics etc. | Replace the "cup" of all Cup Noodles in Japan with Biomass Eco Cup (e.g. paper, bio-based plastics, etc.). | Within FY 2021 | Nissin Foods press release: "The Cup Noodles achieved industry's first biomass level of 80% or more with Biomass ECO Cup - Switchover to Biomass ECO Cups to begin in 2019, and complete switchover in 2021" (June 11, 2019) https://www.nissin.com/jp/news/7874 | |
| | Pasco Shikishima Corporation | Plastic containers and packaging | Plant-derived raw materials (e.g. bio-based plastics) and environmentally friendly raw materials | Use in products in order of possibility * The "& Green" series has adopted bio-based plastics as packaging material. | — | Pasco Shikishima Corporation website: https://www.pasconet.co.jp/english/ | |
| | Yakult Honsha | Plastic containers and packaging | Easily-recyclable materials (biomass materials including bio-based plastics, recycled materials, etc.) | Begin conversion | 2025 | Yakult Group "Yakult CSR Report 2020" https://www.yakult.co.jp/english/pdf/csr2020_en.pdf | |
| | | | | Convert as much as possible | 2030 | | |
| | Toiletry and cosmetic products | ALBION | Containers of products including "ALBION" brand | Environmentally friendly materials such as bio-based plastics and recycled materials | Containers of all new products in the future will be environmentally friendly. | From 2021 | ALBION company website: https://www.albion-cosmetics.com/global/ |
| | | Kao Corporation | Packaging | Bio-based plastics | Consumption of bio-based plastics: x3 | 2025 | Kao Corporation "Kao Sustainability Data Book 2020" https://www.kao.com/content/dam/sites/kao/www-kao-com/global/en/sustainability/pdf/klp-pr-2020-e-all.pdf |

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| Manufacturing | KOSÉ Corporation | Plastic packaging | Bio-based plastics and recycled plastics | 50% | 2030 | KOSÉ Corporation "KOSÉ Sustainability Plan" https://www.kose.co.jp/company/en/content/uploads/2021/04/2021kose_sustainability_plan_EN.pdf | |
| | | * Specific examples Bio-based plastics have already been introduced to skin-care products (the SEKKISEI CLEAR WELLNESS series). | | | | | |
| | | LION Corporation | Plastic products and packaging in general | Bio-PE, bio-PET, plant-derived raw materials | Double the amount to use (compared to 2017 based on absolute amount) | 2030 | LION Corporation "Eco Challenge 2050 Long-Term Environmental Objectives" https://www.lion.co.jp/en/csr/env/ecovision2020/ |
| | Shiseido Company | Plastics packaging | Sustainable packaging (bio-based materials including bio-based plastics, post consumer recycled (PCR) materials, etc.) | Consider promotion of the use *The company's own 5Rs policy for packaging has been established, and some of the virgin plastic materials are being switched as a measure of "Replace". | 2025 | Shiseido Company "Sustainability Report 2019" https://corp.shiseido.com/en/sustainability/pdf/2019.pdf | |
| | Daily goods | Unicharm Corporation | Plastic containers and packaging | Environmentally friendly materials (using plant-derived renewable organic resources, such as bio-based plastics) | 50% | 2030 | Unicharm Group "Eco Plan 2030" http://www.unicharm.co.jp/english/csr/environment/management/index.html Unicharm Group's mid-to-long term environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) goals, "Kyo-sei Life Vision 2030" http://www.unicharm.co.jp/english/csr/kyoseilifevision/index.html |
| | | | Pharmaceutical products | Otsuka Holdings | Entire line of consumer products | Plant-based materials (including bio-based plastics), recycled materials, etc. | Promotion of the use |
| | | | PET bottles (global) | Plant-based materials (including bio-based plastics) and recycled materials | 50% or more | 2030 | |
| | Plastic products | Asakura | Packaging materials | Bio-PE, recycled PET, etc. | 100 tons/year | 2025 | Asakura company website: http://www.asakura-inc.co.jp/ |
| | | CP Chemical | The CP Bio series (Plastic food containers made of bio-based plastics) | Bio-PE (+ PS + PP), bio-A-PET | Expand to more than 500 items | 2023 | CP Chemical Incorporated website: https://www.cpkasei.co.jp/ |
| J-Film Corporation | | Eco-Kind Film (Inflation-molded polyethylene film) | Bio-PE | Continue to expand sales | — | J-Film Corporation website: http://www.jfilm.co.jp/en/index.html | |

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| Manufacturing | Kawakami Sangyo | bio-puti (bubble wrap) | Bio-PE | Bio-based synthetic polymer content: 50% or more *The content of current "bio-puti" is 15%. | 2030 | Kawakami Sangyo company website: https://www.putiputi.co.jp/en |
| | | Green Puti (R) (bubble wrap) | Biodegradable plastics | 100% | 2030 | |
| | | *Used for agricultural and building material applications where biodegradation is conducted in appropriate situations. | *The goal is to develop products that are biodegradable in both the terrestrial and marine environments. | | | |
| | KIRACS | Bio-based marine biodegradable bags (film) | Bio-based marine biodegradable plastics | Development and production of bags (films) that are marine biodegradable and have practical physical properties. | 2025 | KIRACS company website: Development Commodity Division https://www.kiracs.co.jp/division/development.html |
| | Marushin Chemical Industry | Packaging materials | Bio-PE, recycled PET, etc. | 30% in total | 2030 | Marushin Chemical Industry company website: https://www.marushinkagaku.co.jp/ |
| | NISSEI CHEMICAL | Foam PE bags for weddings, funerals, and festive occasions; foam sealant film for flexible packaging lamination | Bio-PE | Expand the sales volume | From 2020 | NISSEI CHEMICAL company website: http://www.nissei-grp.com/ |
| | RISUPACK | Food container (Bioneut, Ecoha, Neut-Delica, Bio-Delica, Bio-Cup, and Bio-HIPS series) | PLA, bio-PET, bio-PE, and bio-HIPS *As for PLA containers, the company aims to establish a carbon resource utilization flow that achieves an environmental economy (utilizing biodegradability: composting and anaerobic digestion). | Expand bio-based products (1,800 items in March 2019 → 2,400 items in March 2021) | March 2021 | RISUPACK company website: http://www.risupack.co.jp |
| | | Food container (Bioneut series) | PLA | Establish a carbon resource utilization flow that achieves an environmental economy (utilizing biodegradability: composting and anaerobic digestion). | 2030 | |
| Seikou | Green OPP, Anti-fogging film for agricultural product packages | PP + bio-PE | 30% of sales volume | 2030 | Seikou company website: http://www.seikou-web.com | |

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| Manufacturing | Plastic products | SUMIKASEKISUI FILM | Mulch films “Nodoka®” | Biodegradable plastics | Replace 1,000 tons/year of mulch film sales with Nodoka®. | 2030 | SUMIKASEKISUI FILM company website: "Nodoka®" https://www.ss-film.co.jp/products/agriculture/nou_poly-multi/nodoka/ |
| | | | *Mulch film is an essential polyethylene film that is used in many agricultural applications to improve crop quality and production yield. Normally, mulch films need to be collected after use, but because Nodoka® is biodegradable, it can be plowed into the field after use and degraded in the soil, saving labor for removal and making it a product with low environmental | | | | |
| | | | Bio-based shrink film for product packaging | Bio-based plastics | Bio-based plastic component: 5% or more | FY 2021 | SUMIKASEKISUI FILM company website: https://www.ss-film.co.jp/ |
| | | | *Bio-based garbage bags containing 30% bio-based plastics are also being sold to some municipalities. | | | | |
| | | TOMEI CHEMICAL INDUSTRIAL | Food packaging, non-food packaging | Bio-PET, bio-PE | PET: Convert 20% of 1,256 tons/year to biomass PE: Convert 3% of 390 tons/year to biomass | 2022 | TOMEI CHEMICAL INDUSTRIAL company website: http://www.tomei-c.co.jp/ |
| | | Yamato-Esulon | Food containers and packaging, daily goods, etc. | Bio-PE, Bio-PET, etc. | 1,000 tons/year (brend bio-based plastics to fossil based plastics) | 2030 | Yamato-Esulon company website: http://www.yamato-esulon.co.jp/english/index.html |
| | | | *Bio-based plastics products has already been commercialized, and the company will continue product development. | | | | |
| | Yoshikawakuni Plastics Industries | Daily goods (two types of <i>like-it</i> Round Basket and two types of <i>like-it</i> Town Basket, etc.) | Bio-PE | Two types of <i>like-it</i> Round Basket and two types of <i>like-it</i> Town Basket: bio-based plastic content 90% - Other products: bio-based plastic content 30% | 2025 | Yoshikawakuni Plastics Industries Ltd. company website: https://www.like-it.jp/ | |
| VASU Japan | | Toothbrushes, food trays, shopping bags, etc. | Bio-based plastics | Use a total of 500 tons/year in Japanese market | 2021 | VASU Japan company website: https://www.vasu.tokyo | |
| | | Gardening supplies, etc. | Biodegradable plastics | | | | |
| Paper and pulp | Token Kogyo | Food containers | Bio-PE and bio-PET | Increasing the ratio of recycled and plant-based plastics by 30% (targets for the introduction of bio-based plastics to be set in the future) | 2030 | Toyo Seikan Group “Eco Action Plan 2030” https://www.tskg-hd.com/en/csr/environment/global/global01/ Token Kogyo company website: “CSR” https://www.token.co.jp/english/csr/ | |

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| Manufacturing | Toyo Seikan | PET bottles | Environmentally friendly materials (bio-based and recycled plastics) | Increasing the ratio by 30% *Mainly recycled materials will continue to be used for preforms and bottles as environmentally friendly materials. *Bio-based plastics have been used in preforms and bottles (as of 2020). | 2030 | Toyo Seikan Group "Eco Action Plan 2030" https://www.tskg-hd.com/en/csr/environment/global/global01/ Toyo Seikan company website: "Environmental site" https://www.toyo-seikan.co.jp/eco/english/ | |
| | | Plastic containers and packaging | Bio-based plastics and recycled plastics | Increasing the ratio by 30% | 2030 | Toyo Seikan Group "Eco Action Plan 2030" https://www.tskg-hd.com/en/csr/environment/global/global01/ | |
| | | | Renewable materials (including bio-based plastics) and recycled materials | Reduce the use of fossil resources to the maximum extent and replace them with recycled or renewable materials | 2050 | Toyo Seikan Group "Long-term Goals toward 2050" https://www.tskg-hd.com/en/csr/environment/global/global01/ | |
| | Printing | Dai Nippon Printing | Containers and packaging etc. | Bio-PE and bio-PET | FY 2020 CO ₂ reduction: 5,000 tons or more (As a result of calculating the CO ₂ reduction effect of the plant-based packaging material Biomatech developed by DNP, the CO ₂ reduction was equivalent to approximately 2,500 tons in FY 2018 and approximately 3,000 tons in FY 2019 compared to the use of fossil based packaging materials.) | 2050 | Dai Nippon Printing company website: https://www.dnp.co.jp/eng/ |
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| | Textile | DAIKA Industries | Bio Turf, artificial turf for sports use, and Bio Eco Sanknet, bag body for foot protection method | Bio-PE (artificial turf for sports use), bio-PET (bag body for foot protection method) | Use of bio-based yarn (30% bio content): 1,000 tons/year, CO ₂ reduction target: 587 tons/year | 2025 | DAIKA Industries Co.,Ltd website: http://www.daika.co.jp/ |
| | | DODO | The brim core and the attached resin parts of hats and caps | Bio-based plastics, recycled plastics, etc. | Switch 50% of the brim cores of one million hats and caps annually to bio-based plastics (content: 30%) + recycled plastics (content: 70%). | 2025 | DODO company website: https://www.japan-hatmaterial.com/ |
| Green cop | | Forest protection products (bark stripping prevention net, seedling cover) | Bio-based plastics (bio-PE) or biodegradable plastics | 100% (In the case of bio-based plastics, the target is to make the bio-based synthetic polymer content 90% or more.) | 2030 | Green cop company website: "Forest Protection Products" https://green-cop.com/?page_id=444 | |
| GUNZE | | Food packaging film | bio-based materials (bio-based plastics etc.) | Help reduce the use of petrochemical raw materials by developing products using bio-based materials | — | GUNZE "Basic Policy for Plastic Resource Circulation" https://www.gunze.co.jp/english/news/2020/20200219.html | |

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| Manufacturing | Chemical industry | Sumitomo Bakelite | Pharmaceutical packaging (PTP packaging) | Bio-PE | Bio-based plastic blending ratio 50% | Around 2022 | Sumitomo Bakelite Company website: https://www.sumibe.co.jp/english/ | | | | | |
| | | | *Multilayer film for food packaging containing approximately 20% bio-PE is already launched in 2020. | | | | | | | | | |
| Food and beverage service industry | Restaurant | MOS Food SERVICES | Takeout related supplies to be used at MOS BURGER restaurants | Bio-based plastics | 70% adoption rate of environmentally friendly materials including bio-based plastics | 2030 | MOS FOOD SERVICES company website: https://www.mos.co.jp/global/ | | | | | |
| | Food and beverage delivery service | Watami | Containers for frozen and chilled prepared meals used in Watami's Takushoku (eat at home) *10% of bio-based synthetic polymer content since October 2019. | Bio-PE | Bio-based synthetic polymer content: 10% | 2024 | Watami Monthly "Takushoku Life" January 2020 issue "Reasons that We're Working to Change Containers." https://s3-ap-northeast-1.amazonaws.com/media.watami-takushoku.co.jp/pdf/info/tl191223.pdf | | | | | |
| Wholesale and retail | Retail | AEON | Private brand products | Environmentally friendly and socially conscious materials (including plant-derived materials such as bio-based plastics) | Introduction to all the private brand products | 2030 | AEON company website: https://www.aeon.info/en/ | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | FamilyMart | Original product packaging, etc. | Environmentally friendly materials (bio-based plastics made from plants, recycled PET, etc.) | 60% | 2030 |
| | | 100% | 2050 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Private brand ready-made meal container | Bio-PE, bio-PET | 1. Expansion to a wide range of products 2. Improvement of bio-based plastic blending ratio | — | — | FamilyMart company website: https://www.family.co.jp/english.html | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Bio-PP | Use of Japan's first container that uses bio-PP | From the spring of 2021 | | |
| | | Lawson | Containers and packaging for Lawson's original products | Eco-friendly materials (including bio-based plastics) | 50% | 2030 | Lawson company website: "Engaging with the SDGs" https://www.lawson.jp/en/csr/environmental_management/ | | | | | |
| | | | | | 100% | 2050 | | | | | | |
| | | Seven & i Holdings | Shopping bags used at stores of Seven & i Holdings Group (Ito-Yokado, York-Benimaru, York) | Bio-PE | Biobased content: 30% | — | — | Seven & i Holdings company website: "Introduction of Environmentally Friendly Packaging" https://www.7andi.com/en/csr/theme/theme3/invention.html | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Packaging for 7-Eleven original rice ball | Bio-based plastics | — | — |
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| Containers used in original products | Environmentally friendly materials (e.g., biomass, biodegradable and recycled materials and paper) *The materials will be selected as appropriate according to the conditions of use and disposal. | | | | | | | | 50% | 2030 | Seven & i Group's Environmental Declaration "GREEN CHALLENGE 2050" https://www.7andi.com/en/csr/policy/environment_03.html | |
| | | 100% | 2050 | | | | | | | | | |

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| Wholesale and retail | Wholesale | ZEN-NOH (National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations) | Mulch films | Biodegradable plastics | 15% of mulch films | 2030 | ZEN-NOH website: https://www.zennoh.or.jp/english/ |

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| Manufacturing | Chemical industry | Bell Polyester Products | Bio-based copolymerized PET *The resin is the partially bio-based copolymerized-PET which emphasized in transparency, design, and chemical resistance through modification, and is not the bio-PET currently widely used. | 300 tons/year or more *Aim for 1,000 tons/year or more in the long term. | 2021 *Already launched in the market, and works towards customer acquisition is now underway. | Cosmetic product containers, food packaging, etc. | Bell Polyester Products company website: https://www.bellpet.co.jp/english/index.html |
| | | Daicel | Cellulose acetate and CAFBLO™ (highly biodegradable cellulose acetate) BELLOCEA® (spherical cellulose acetate particles) | 10,000 to 20,000 tons/year *Total of cellulose acetate, CAFBLO™ (highly biodegradable cellulose acetate) and BELLOCEA® (spherical cellulose acetate particles) | 2025 | Food and beverage containers, agricultural and fishing supplies, stationery, toys, textiles, packaging materials, etc. Micro particles for cosmetic products | Daicel company website: "Cellulose Acetate" https://www.daicel.com/cell_ac/en/ |
| | Daicel-Evonik | Bio-PA Polyamide 610 VESTAMID® Terra HS, DAIAMID® Terra HS Polyamide 1010 VESTAMID® Terra DS, DAIAMID® Terra DS Polyamide 1012 VESTAMID® Terra DD, DAIAMID Terra DD | Increase the sales ratio of bio-based plastics | As needed | Food packaging, automobiles, sporting goods, etc. | Daicel-Evonik company website: https://www.daicel-evonik.com/english | |
| | ITOH OIL CHEMICALS | Castor oil-derived material (intermediate material for bio-PU foam, etc.) *Castor oil-derived material is also used for the following applications: paints, inks, adhesives, sealants, cutting oils, cosmetics | Adoption in areas that have traditionally used fossil based materials | — | Applications of bio-PU foam: Bedding, furniture, cushioning materials, etc. | ITOH OIL CHEMICALS company website: https://www.itoh-oilchem.co.jp/en/ | |
| | KANEKA Corporation | Kaneka biodegradable polymer PHBH | Production capacity: 100,000 to 200,000 tons/year | 2030 | Plastic packaging and products (food containers and packaging, cutlery, garbage bags) | Kaneka Corporation website: "Biodegradable Polymer" https://www.kaneka.co.jp/en/solutions/phbh/ | |
| | Kuraray | PLANTIC™ (gas barrier material made mainly from modified starch) | 200 tons/year in the first year (weight of the PLANTIC™ layer in the multilayer sheet) *Sold as a multilayer gas barrier sheet consisting of PET/PLANTIC™/PET | 2021 | Food trays for gas displacement packaging | Kuraray company website "PLANTIC" https://www.kuraray.com/products/plantic | |
| | | Hydrogenated styrenic thermoplastic elastomers using bio-based raw materials | 200 tons/year | 2026 | Consumer goods, shoes, etc. *Can be used as a rubber modifier and adhesive agent | Kuraray company website: "SEPTON BIO-series" https://www.elastomer.kuraray.com/septon/special-product-lines/septon-bio-series/ | |

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| Manufacturing | Chemical industry | Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation | GOHSENL™, GOHSENX™, Nichigo G-Polymer™ *Biodegradable plastics (PVA) | Production capacity: approximately 10,000 tons/year | 2030 | Films, fibers, PVF, PVB, water-soluble molded products, cores and outer cores * Other applications are as follows Adhesives and binders: Adhesives, construction and civil engineering, inorganic binders, synthetic leather, seedling culture soil, agricultural chemical granules Paper processing: Surface coating, special paper Suspension agent: Dispersant for suspension polymerization of vinyl chloride Emulsifiers: Emulsifiers for emulsion polymerization of vinyl acetate and acrylic emulsions | Mitsubishi Chemicals company website: "GOHSENL™, GOHSENX™" https://www.gohsenol.com/index_e.shtml Mitsubishi Chemicals company website: Nichigo G-Polymer™ https://www.g-polymer.com/eng/ |
| | | | DURABIO™ *Biomass-derived engineering plastics | Production capacity: several tens of thousands of tons per year | 2030 | Housing for electronic equipment, interior and exterior materials for automobiles, cosmetic product containers, soundproof walls, construction materials, optical and energy-related materials, alternative materials for high-performance glass | Mitsubishi Chemicals company website "DURABIO™" https://www.m-chemical.co.jp/en/products/departments/mcc/ams/tech/1209977_7578.html |
| | | | BioPBS™, FORZEAS™ (FORZEAS™ is a biodegradable resin compound based on BioPBS™) *Biomass-derived and biodegradable plastics | Production capacity: several hundred thousand tons per year | 2030 | Tableware, containers, food trays, cutlery, paper cups, straws, coffee capsules, flower pots, vases, lids for paper cups, packing materials, shopping bags, plastic shopping bags, composting bags, various packaging materials, zippers for packaging, fibers, mulch films | Mitsubishi Chemicals company website BioPBS™ https://www.m-chemical.co.jp/en/products/departments/mcc/sustainable/product/1201025_7964.html |
| | | | BENEBiOL™ Bio-polycarbonate diol (intermediate raw material for PU resin, acrylic resin, polyester resin, etc.) *Already launched in the market | Production capacity: 10,000 tons/year | 2030 | - PU resin: Artificial leather, synthetic leather, water-borne urethane, polyurethane elastomer * Other applications are as follows Paints and coatings, adhesives and sealants - Acrylic resins: Urethane acrylate resin, diacrylate resin - Polyester resins: Polyester elastomer (TPEE) | Mitsubishi Chemicals company website "BENEBiOL™ (PCD)" https://www.m-chemical.co.jp/en/products/departments/mcc/basicmat/product/1201000_9362.html |
| | | | Bio-polytetramethylene ether glycol (bio-PTMG) (bio-PU, intermediate raw material for polyester elastomer) | Launched in the market | Around FY2025 | - PU: Spandex, thermoplastic/curable elastomer, artificial/synthetic leather * Other applications are as follows Paints and coatings, adhesives, etc. - Polyester elastomer: tubes, hoses, automotive parts, electrical parts, pen grips, etc. | Mitsubishi Chemicals company website "Polytetramethylene ether glycol/PTMG" https://www.m-chemical.co.jp/en/products/departments/mcc/c4/product/1201008_7922.html |

| Industry | Company | Material to be manufactured or sold | Target level | Target period | Available products and applications | Reference URL | |
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| Manufacturing | Chemical industry | Mitsui Chemicals | Bio-PP | Production: 100,000 tons/year | 2030 | Polyolefin-based products and general applications | Mitsui Chemicals Mitsui Chemicals Report 2019 https://jp.mitsuicheicals.com/en/ir/library/ar/pdf/ar19_all_en.pdf |
| | | | STABiO™ bio-based polyisocyanate (Raw material of Bio-PU) | Sales of 1,000 tons/year | 2025 | Applications of bio-PU: Coatings for automobiles, architectural coatings, adhesives, molding materials, etc. | Mitsui Chemicals "STABiO™" https://jp.mitsuicheicals.com/en/service/packaging/coatings/stabio/index.htm |
| | | Sumitomo Bakelite | Lignin-modified phenolic resins | Replace 5% of phenolic resin products in the future | Mass production technology has been established, and if the sample becomes accepted, mass production will begin (commercialization becomes possible at several tons per month) | Phenolic resin products, automotive applications, industrial materials, etc. | Sumitomo Bakelite Company Press Release "Developed a plant-derived phenolic resins (lignin modified phenolic resins)" (September 17, 2020) https://www.sumibe.co.jp/english/topics/2020/hpp/0917_01/index.html |
| | | Total Corbion PLA b.v. | PLA | Production capacity: 175,000 tons/year *Current production capacity: 75,000 tons/year (currently supplying globally) *Preparing a new plant in France with a capacity of 100,000 tons/year. | Within 2024 | Packaging, clothing, cards, films, bags, stationery, etc. *Respond to both biomass and biodegradation perspectives | Total Corbion PLA website: https://www.total-corbion.com Total Corbion PLA Press release "Total Corbion PLA announces the first world-scale PLA plant in Europe" (September 24, 2020) https://www.total-corbion.com/news/total-corbion-pla-announces-the-first-world-scale-pla-plant-in-europe/ |
| | Fiber | TORAY INDUSTRIES | 100% bio-based polyester fiber | 10,000 tons/year | Aim to start mass production in the 2020s | Automobile interior materials, sportswear, uniforms, etc. | TORAY company website "Moral fiber: sugar cane replaces petroleum to make eco-friendly polyester fabrics" https://www.toray.com/global/sustainability/articles/vo102.html |
| | | TOYOBO | Bio-PET, bio-PE, bio-PP, bio-PA, PEF, etc. | Plan to replace all packaging materials with renewable materials (bio-based plastics, recycled materials, etc.) *Current sales volume is about 1,000 tons per year. | 2050 | Packaging (food, general) | TOYOBO company website: "Packaging Headquarters" https://www.toyobo-global.com/seihin/film/package/list/productslist.html |
| | | Unitika | Bio-based plastics (PLA, etc.) fibers, nonwoven fabrics, resins for molding | Double the production volume | 2030 | Fibers (applications: tea bags, towels for body washing, etc.), nonwoven fabrics (applications: civil engineering materials, etc.), resins for molding (applications: straws, cutlery, etc.), and others | KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation) "Good Practices of Plastic-Related Initiatives Contributing to the SDGs" https://www.keidanren.or.jp/policy/2018/099_jirei.pdf |
| | Paper and pulp | Oji Holdings Corporation | Bio-PE (use of inedible raw materials), PLA (use of inedible raw materials) | Bio-PE (use of inedible raw materials): 30,000 to 60,000 tons/year PLA (use of inedible raw materials): 2,000 tons/year | Aim for commercialization in 2025-2030. | Replacement of existing bio-based plastics (derived from edible biomass) | Oji Holdings company website: https://www.ojiholdings.co.jp/english/ |

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| Wholesale and retail | Wholesale | Toyota Tsusho Corporation | Bio-PE (import) | Increase the amount to be imported to Japan *Discussions are underway with manufacturers to increase volume and production capacity for Japan. | FY2021 | Food packaging, shopping bags (plastic bags), garbage bags, daily necessities, toys, etc. | Toyota Tsusho Corporation company website: https://www.toyota-tsusho.com/english/ |
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*This collection contains targets for the introduction of bioplastics by companies in accordance with the principles of the Roadmap for Bioplastics Introduction .

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| Terms: | Bio-PA | Abbreviation for polyamide that uses renewable organic resources, such as plants as raw materials |
| | Bio-PE | Abbreviation for polyethylene that uses renewable organic resources, such as plants as raw materials. |
| | Bio-PET | Abbreviation for polyethylene terephthalate that uses renewable organic resources, such as plants as raw materials. Some companies describe this as plant-derived PET. |
| | Bio-PP | Abbreviation for polypropylene that uses renewable organic resources, such as plants as raw materials. |
| | Bio-PU | Abbreviation for polyurethane that uses renewable organic resources, such as plants as raw materials. |
| | PA | Abbreviation for polyamide (also known as nylon) |
| | PBS | Abbreviation for polybutylene succinate |
| | PE | Abbreviation for polyethylene |
| | PEF | Abbreviation for polyethylene furanoate |
| | PET | Abbreviation for polyethylene terephthalate |
| | PHBH | Abbreviation for poly(3-hydroxybutyrate/co-3-hydroxyhexanoate) |
| | PLA | Abbreviation for polylactic acid |
| | PP | Abbreviation for polypropylene |
| | PS | Abbreviation for polystyrene |
| | PU | Abbreviation for polyurethane |
| | PVA | Abbreviation for polyvinyl alcohol |