

The five Belgian PMD sorting centres

For sorting the New Blue Bag

14 different sorted types of material (fractions)

-  Transparent clear PET bottles
-  Transparent blue PET bottles
-  Transparent coloured PET bottles
-  Transparent PET trays
-  HDPE packaging
-  Polypropylene packaging
-  Polystyrene packaging
-  Polyethylene films
-  Other films
-  Mixed polyolefins
-  Steel packaging
-  Aluminium packaging
-  Drinks cartons
-  Residue (mainly sorting errors)

Total employment

389 jobs*



* this figure may alter over time



Capacity
Average of
50kt
/year/sorting centre

The sorting process takes an average of 10 minutes from the opening of the PMD bag to a compressed bale of mono material

12-22t /hr
± 650 bales/sorting centre/day



Average investment

€ 30 million

Advanced sorting technology

- **Bag opener:** dumps contents of the PMD bag on the conveyor belt ($\pm 5\text{km}$)
- **Drum sieve:** sort packaging by size
- **Windshifter:** removes light packaging such as films from the conveyor belt
- **Giant magnets and eddy current separators:** sort steel and aluminium packaging
- **Infrared detectors:** optic sorting per type of material
- **Ballistic separator:** sorting by shape for medium-sized packaging
- **Bale press**

