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DS Smith and Somfy develop alternative to plastic through new corrugated cardboard packaging solutions

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DS Smith, an International Paper company and a leading provider of sustainable packaging solutions made from cellulose fibres, and SOMFY, a global specialist leader in automated and connected home and building equipment including automated shutters, blinds, curtains, and gates, have developed a fully recyclable corrugated cardboard solution to protect for roller shutter motors during transportation and replace polystyrene inserts.

The innovation has resulted in a large-scale operational deployment and a significant step forward for SOMFY in its transition towards the utilisation of more sustainable and circular industrial packaging.

Co-creation for innovation

Led by the DS Smith design teams in Kunheim in close collaboration with SOMFY, the project has addressed a single objective: to replace plastic and improve the recyclability of packaging without compromising on the quality of product protection throughout storage and transport.

From the outset, the DS Smith and SOMFY teams collaborated closely and their work relied on in-depth discussions around the specifications, allowing for the integration of product constraints, production requirements, and real-world usage conditions. This open approach enabled the development of several successive concepts, which were tested, adjusted, and optimized throughout the project.

A standardized, adaptable, and high-performance industrial solution

Made from Kraft EE (Electrical Grade) corrugated board, these cardboard inserts guarantee robustness and durability. Designed to be modular, the system accommodates thirty-four different types of engine lengths and can be adapted to four box sizes, thus contributing to a significant reduction in logistical complexity. The quick and easy assembly process is designed to meet industrial production rates and requirements.

In addition, the compactness of the cardboard compared to Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) allows for a significant reduction in storage volume, generating immediate space savings at logistics sites. Following a successful trial order, the project is currently during its operational phase and demonstrating the packaging solution's successful performance under real-world conditions.

Benjamin Chedal, Sales, Marketing, and Innovation Director, DS Smith Packaging France:

"This innovation fully illustrates DS Smith's ambition to support its customers in developing increasingly sustainable packaging solutions. We are very proud of the rollout of this concept, which has been adapted to numerous SOMFY product formats, demonstrating its modularity, relevance, and long-term viability, both in terms of innovation and the materials used."

Tony Faure, Chef de Projet, SOMFY :

"The eco-design of our products and the sustainability of our practices are at the heart of the SOMFY Group's decarbonization strategy. We are delighted to have collaborated with DS Smith on the deployment of this cardboard packaging solution: it marks an important step that facilitates handling and recycling for our professional customers, is made from renewable material, and does not compromise on the quality and protection requirements of our products."

DS Smith has a target-led sustainability strategy and is committed to leading an industry-wide transition to the circular economy, while delivering sustainable circular solutions to customers across industrial and automotive, food, and beverage, FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods), automotive, and e-Commerce sectors, across thirty-four countries worldwide.

SIG's flexible aseptic carton filling technology helps Actron to expand its services into co-packing in the Philippines

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In response to rising demand for ready-to-drink beverages and dairy products in the Philippines, Actron Industries, Inc., a leading Philippine food solutions company, is expanding its packaging portfolio with advanced aseptic carton filling technology from SIG.

Actron will install a state-of-the-art SIG Midi 12 Aseptic filling line at its plant in Calamba, Laguna. Commercial production is scheduled to begin at the end of the second quarter of 2026.

Once operational, the SIG Midi 12 Aseptic will allow Actron to aseptically fill a broad range of products for its customers on a single high-performance system. These include ready-to-drink juices, teas, dairy beverages, cooking creams and all-purpose cream, supporting brand owners seeking greater flexibility and efficiency in their co-packing supply chain. By expanding its packaging portfolio and technology, Actron can help local brands innovate with new product categories and packaging formats more quickly.

The SIG Midi 12 Aseptic is capable of filling up to 12,000 aseptic cartons per hour. It delivers format flexibility to fill both SIG MidiBloc and SIG MidiFit on the same filling line, as well as volume flexibility (500ml, 750ml, and 1,000ml) with quick changeovers done in minutes. This allows contract manufacturers to adapt quickly to new market and customer needs and support beverage manufacturers and brand owners with fast product launches in a variety of formats without compromising on speed and output.

Noer Wellington, Commercial Director for Southeast Asia, Japan and Korea at SIG, commented: "This partnership brings our flexible aseptic filling technology closer to the Philippines' dairy and juice industry. Enabled by our packaging system, Actron can support local manufacturers respond to evolving consumer preferences with advanced packaging solutions that enable faster innovation and scalable growth."

Actron Industries, Inc. is a Filipino food solutions company with over 40 years of experience in food ingredient trading, product development, and manufacturing. Actron provides outsourcing services for fast-moving consumer goods, including powder and beverages.

Mannito C. Dueñas, EVP Commercial Operations at Actron Industries, Inc., added: “This investment reinforces Actron’s position as a leading co-packing partner in the Philippines. By incorporating SIG’s flexible filling system, we can offer greater scale, agility, and value to brand owners looking to innovate.”

Nicolas Tan, Head of Market for Malaysia, Vietnam and Philippines at SIG, concluded: “This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to accelerating innovation and operational flexibility for local food and beverage brands. We see growing appetite in the region for more agile, scalable packaging systems, especially from emerging brands looking to test and launch quickly.”

SIG expands Recycle for Good program to Vietnam, mobilizing schools to collect and recycle used milk cartons

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SIG, a leading solutions provider of packaging systems with a unique portfolio of aseptic carton, bag-in-box, and spouted pouch, is expanding its “Recycle for Good” program to Vietnam, bringing a proven, education-led model for carton collection and recycling to Bac Ninh, one of the country’s fastest-growing regions.

Supported by the SIG Foundation, the initiative is designed to drive behavioral changes, encourage the public to collect recyclable waste, to strengthen local recycling systems, and to contribute to a circular economy.

First launched in Jakarta, Indonesia, in 2023, Recycle for Good is now entering additional countries where SIG operates. In Vietnam, SIG will collaborate with the Bac Ninh Province Department of Education and Training and Lagom as its waste management partner to help change behaviors related to waste and to collect emptied milk cartons at preschools and primary schools across Bac Ninh province.

Bac Ninh, widely regarded as an industrial hub of Northern Vietnam, is also home to a major school milk program launched in 2025, expected to run until at least 2030, with more than one million students anticipated to participate.

Enabled by SIG’s “Recycle for Good” program, used milk cartons will be collected at schools and then sent for recycling at a paper mill. The recycled paper can subsequently be used to manufacture recycled paper products. The separated PolyAl will be processed into clothing hangers, flowerpots, and building panels at Lagom’s PolyAl processing plant.

The expansion of the “Recycle for Good” program to Vietnam comes as waste management grows into an increasingly urgent challenge in the country, shaped by rapid urbanization and rising consumption – driving higher volumes of waste, including product packaging. With much of the country’s waste currently landfilled or openly burned, environmental and health concerns persist, compounded by low public awareness of recycling. SIG’s program targets that gap by making collection practical and visible – starting where long-term habits are formed.

“At the SIG Foundation, we work with partners to advance initiatives that strengthen communities and support positive environmental impact,” said Holger Dickers, Managing Director, SIG Foundation. “With Recycle for Good now starting in Vietnam, we are creating an opportunity for young people to learn the value of collecting and returning used beverage cartons for recycling – a simple action that can inspire long term behavioral change. As the program grows, we aim to motivate even more people to join and help build a more circular future.”

Nicolas Tan Yuan Hsing, Head of Markets Malaysia, Vietnam and Philippines at SIG, added: “We are convinced that our project in Vietnam not only makes a difference for the students themselves, but that they also serve as advocates who spread the message of bringing about change and promoting recycling among their families and friends.”

Le Trung Thong, Director of Lagom, and Do Thanh Vinh, Project Manager of Lagom at Bac Ninh Province Department of Education and Training: “We are proud to be a key partner in SIG’s ‘Recycle for Good’ program in Vietnam. We are confident that, together, we can take important steps to promote recycling and encourage people to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle.”

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 May 2026	980 - 1190	0 (0.00%)	May 2026	980 - 1190
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 May 2026	980 - 1180	0 (0.00%)	May 2026	980 - 1180
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 May 2026	700 - 710	0 (0.00%)	May 2026	700 - 710
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Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

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FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	970 - 1190	15 (1.41%)	Apr 2026	970 - 1190
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Apr 2026	680 - 705	15 (2.21%)	Apr 2026	680 - 705

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

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FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 May 2026	980 - 1190	0 (0.00%)	May 2026	980 - 1190
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 May 2026	680 - 700	0 (0.00%)	May 2026	680 - 700

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 May 2026	975 - 1160	15 (1.43%)	May 2026	975 - 1160
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 May 2026	1126 - 1339	24.5 (2.03%)	May 2026	1126 - 1339
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 May 2026	700 - 750	15 (2.11%)	May 2026	700 - 750
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 May 2026	808 - 866	22 (2.70%)	May 2026	808 - 866