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Composting compostables in the UK

Capacity for the composting of certified industrially compostable materials at certified industrial composting facilities in the UK

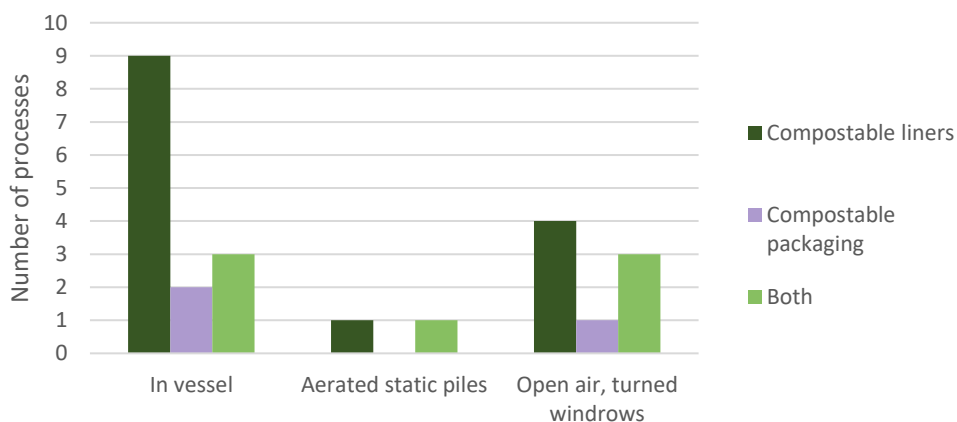
Introduction

Renewable Energy Assurance Limited (REAL) administers both the Compost Certification Scheme (CCS) and Compostable Materials Certification Scheme (CMCS). This paper has been produced to share data collected through CCS to date, presenting a picture on the number of industrial composting processes in the UK that are both certified by CCS and accept independently certified compostable materials. The statistics will be updated on a regular basis and more information will be added when available.

Certified composting processes accepting compostables

In September 2022, REAL data showed a total of 24 CCS certified composting processes confirmed they were accepting independently certified compostable materials¹ (compostables). There were 17 processes in England, 3 in Scotland, 3 in NI, and 1 in Wales. Compostables are categorised into liners and packaging².

Please see the graph below for information about the types of compostables accepted.



¹ See Appendix B (page 18) of the CQP, section 5 of PAS 100:2018, and section 8 of the CCS Position on Technical Requirements, for more information on acceptable compostable product inputs

² See [Specific compostables allowed into facilities without ABPR approvals - REA \(r-e-a.net\)](#) for information