

Recycling is also possible in retail



At the end of 2013 [Aislamientos Arellano](#) achieved authorization as a non-hazardous waste collector starting its recycling activity and becoming an EcoEPS Center into anape program.

Currently, they recycle around 63 tons EPS waste from the construction, household, commercial and industrial sectors. Since 2013, their collection in sustained growth.

Among its activities stands out the agreement with different local administrations so that professionals of the small fish trade can put their waste in municipal collection points for recycling. This example shows that a good municipal service depends on the involvement of the administrations to offer practical solutions to all waste streams.



In figures, Aislamientos Arellano recycles around 345,000 Fish boxes a year, which represents a total volume of 45 tons, its main activity area is País Vasco region (Spain).

The origin of this waste is: collected at municipal collection points 55%, at industry facilities 42% and 3% at construction sites or warehouses. Once the waste is received at their facilities and classified, the clean material is grinded and introduced again into EPS blocks for construction production and the rest is compacted for the sale and subsequent manufacture of other plastic materials, mainly PS for XPS insulation.

Illustration: compacted material



Illustration: Clean material crushed tape



Illustration: Block with recycled material