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Introduction

Plastic is a harmful thing to the environment as a result, Bio-plastics are rapidly growing the popularity. In this era, approximately plastic pollutants have grown during the last decade, with a global quantity of plastic launched withinside the surroundings of 302 million tons (Mt) in 2015, with the handiest 62 Mt recycled and 15 Mt burnt. Although exceptional plastic waste disposal and proper practices are located only in some developed countries, exportation of plastic waste to developing countries continues to be not unusual place on account that it's miles cost-effective. Plastic waste management for domestic purposes and recycling have grown to be a concern for many nations whose plastic waste trade system turned into disturbed by the Chinese ban (Klaes Eringa, 2016).

Moreover, bio-based biodegradable plastics can be seen as one of the alternatives to achieve this sustainable growth of the plastics industry, diverting a large portion of plastics to other waste management can provide a promising alternative to petrochemical plastics in the near future. Repurpose and dispose of hard-to-recycle single-use plastics. The development of production capacity for biodegradable biobased plastics has been modeled annually by applying device dynamics modeling and extending the traditional approach by Horvat, Wydra, and Lerch. Therefore, in order to manage the global sustainability of biodegradable plastics, a focus on recycled and biodegradable plastics should bring strategic benefits to customers from a social perspective. While this process is critical to any success, sustainability has added another layer of uncertainty surrounding the long-term viability of biodegradable plastics (Taofeeq D. Moshood ORCID, 2021).

Customer's Sustainability

The amount of social science research addressing the relationship between consumers and plastics has increased significantly in recent decades. A recent 2020 survey shows that a clear majority of respondents are concerned about the environmental impact of microplastics and everyday plastic products. Public concern over the negative environmental impacts of plastics is evident, for example, in Australia. This has focused attention on consumer preferences for new materials. Perceptions of products and packaging, especially those made from bio-based plastics, have

already been studied (Enni Ruokamo M. R., 2022). However, there are few main reasons consumers are pursuing sustainability by using recycled biodegradable plastics are given below:

Recycled Plastic for Food Packaging

Recently compared consumer perceptions of sustainability and willingness to pay between conventional plastics and various food packaging alternatives (bulk, paper, recycled plastics and bioplastics. Discrete-choice experiments and free-text qualitative analyses revealed that consumers are willing to pay more for food packaging made of recycled plastic than conventional or bioplastics. On the one hand, the need to further assess and communicate the sustainability of different options was recognized (N.Navarrea, 2022).

Price Advantage

The price advantage of recycled plastics is strongly correlated with collection and sorting costs. New opportunities, the environmental characteristics of products, and the environmental image of companies combine to shape market advantages, and stakeholders expect increased sales or consumer willingness to pay for increased sales (Jeff Anstine, 2010).

Benefits for Farmers

There are some ways to increase the productivity of sustainable raw materials through increased yields, landfill reuse, abandoned land use, and enhanced land development and crop improvement management. Farmers are encouraged to harvest large quantities of crop residues for all green economy sectors to ensure feedstock supplies for bio-refinery plants as well as for bioenergy/biofuel development. should (Escobar & Britz, 2021; Taofeeq D. Moshood ORCID, 2021, pp. 1-22; Taofeeq D. Moshood, 2021).

Investing in Demonstrator Facilities

Protesters and investments in pre-competitive infrastructure should be encouraged to motivate the creation of biorefineries dedicated to processing bioplastics and biomaterials. Access to finance for creative installations should be integrated and supported by industrial policy to improve collaboration and synergies between private and public investors (Moshood, et al., 2021).

Consumer power – the financial benefits

Many demographics prefer to be involved in green and sustainable businesses, and research shows that consumers are willing to pay more for products made from used plastic and it is increasing day by day. Therefore, using post-consumer plastic presents an opportunity for companies looking for more sustainable packaging options for their environmentally conscious customer base. It has

been suggested that there isn't enough used plastic to meet the demand, but if customers want it and are willing to buy used plastic, a market can be created (Jeff Anstine, 2010).

Social Aim

Plastics are used across sectors in various applications in the world and this use is increasing day by day. The social aim of recycled and biodegradable plastic applications is to ensure a secure social life and maintain consumers' and workers' well-being. The researcher's consent that five factors play an imperative role to achieve well-being social life safety and health, employment, social commitment conditions, and customer issues. The most critical social conditions are creating job opportunities for social citizens. (Moshood, et al., 2022)

Health & safety measures the effect of a social procedure and the aim is to encourage and maintain a high level of physical, intellectual, and social well-being for workers and the end users. Employment conditions include many aspects such as worker satisfaction, wages and benefits, rest periods, working hours, human resource growth, seasonal celebrations, leave and management procedures, maternity leave, etc. These are Everything has to be social for the organization (Moshood, et al., 2022). At the same time, many researchers concluded that social sustainability includes effective social capital management that can be seen as a long-lasting commodity of an organization that is not used depreciated, but instead refined and has to be held on a long-term basis which involves management establishing a desirable working atmosphere, where workers improve social skills and other skills (Moshood, et al., Social sustainability, 2022).

The increase in the gross domestic product (GDP) will affect plastics production, as people typically use more plastics as their income levels rise and it will help people to live a secure social life. plastics are lightweight, easy to manufacture, and installed in a range of diverse water control systems such as sewerage, land drainage, and irrigation. (Andrady & Neal, 2009)

The main advantage of using these biodegradable plastics is- it does not release carbon or methane as no carbon is used in its manufacturing process. Biodegradable plastics are broken down by naturally-occurring bacteria and since these plastics are plant-based, a minimal amount of carbon is released during the composting process as a result there is no bad impact occurring in society. One of the major social benefits is this recycling takes very little energy (Lee, 2002)

Change in Process

This section describes the phases of the change process and their impact on the change process. In industrial networks, exchange relationships, activities, and routine developments tend to stabilize over time. Stability is both a constraint and a prerequisite for change. Changes occur through tuning and problem-solving processes in established network settings. However, change processes are shaped and subject to change by processes of exchange relationships and resource dependencies in industrial networks”. New insights into resource uses can break existing activity cycles and transmission chains and contain the seeds of development and change in industrial networks may be required. Some existing relationships within the network must be dissolved, but have been established (Lee C.-Y. D., 2002).

From recognizing social problems to implementing solutions, people agree that something needs to be done about the problem, building knowledge about the causes of the problem, establishing techniques to solve the problem, creating economic and also you have to deal with social arrangements. Political factors affecting implementation (Lee C.-Y. D., 2002).

Economic factor

Organizations or actors in industrial systems are business entities. So, its main purpose is to make a profit. The economic behavior of individual actors is rationalized in terms of utility maximization, i.e. utility maximization and cost minimization. However, “socially optimal outcomes are not assumed to result from the interactions of actors within the product chain.” Individual rational behavior can lead to increased social costs (Lee C.-Y. D., 2002).

Social and political factors

There has been much discussion among researchers focused on economic and technological change processes. However, (Brito, 2001) points out that "there is increasing evidence that institutional considerations are likely to be particularly relevant". (Carpenter, 2001) argue that institutional theory complements economic theory in general and resource dependency theory in particular. “Institutional theories view organizations as within a social framework of norms, values, and self-evident assumptions about what constitutes appropriate or acceptable economic behavior. You will be rewarded for this with resources, and increased survivability”. Therefore, there are two types of incentives to reward individual network members for their contribution to collective action: monetary and social (Lee C.-Y. D., 2002). Product production and consumption

involve the activities of various actors. Product modification is therefore a social process involving multiple actors: consumers, suppliers, and even external actors such as government agencies and environmentalists. This is the social embedding of economic activity (Lee C.-Y. D., 2002). Cross-organizational coordination among product chain actors is critical to bring about positive ecological change. In addition, organizations are affected by the pressures of social forces in their environment. Examples of such pressures are laws, regulations and social norms. Public authorities are one of the key external actors who influence product chains by setting laws, regulations, taxes, policies and infrastructure. Although this is not part of the market mechanism (Røine, 2002a), it is particularly important to offset the increased social costs of externalities in industrial activity.

Conclusion

Examining consumer-specific factors associated with positive perceptions of recycled plastics, the results show that women, young people, recyclers, and environmentally conscious people are more likely to believe that using recycled plastics makes products more desirable. indicates that it is of high quality. Income and living conditions have no statistical power to explain this view. Additionally, consumers do not appear to be alert that recycled plastic products are unsafe. This may reflect Finland's confidence in its responsibility to produce recycled plastics relating to chemical management.

Consumer experiences and preferences regarding recycled plastic products are both relatively positive, but more attention needs to be paid to product availability and labelling. Results indicate that current product selection is perceived to be too restrictive. Recycled plastic is also accepted as a material for various products. Taken together, these findings suggest that there is room in the market for new consumer products made from recycled plastics.

The main problems that need to be effectively solved are the high cost of production and the poor performance of some recycled plastics, requiring more research to prevent them from competing with other environmental impacts is required.

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