

Ever thought
plastic could be
a little more
fantastic?



Port of
Antwerp

In tune with the world

“Various companies in the port of Antwerp are specialised in handling, storage and repacking of plastic granulates.”

Specialised companies at your service

The maritime containers are emptied at the port of Antwerp and the product is reloaded into the most cost-effective transport size, taking into account payload optimisation per destination and per transport mode. Palletised non-dangerous powders and resins have huge opportunities for cost-effective storage in the port of Antwerp general warehouses. The more than 2,000 silos in the port offer 750,000 m³ of storage capacity. More than 500,000 m³ of which is available to third parties.

The specialist companies mentioned in this brochure offer specialist equipment to handle bulk and repacking requirements. These companies can also offer higher levels of support, helping their principals to develop relations with customers by increasing flexibility of packaging and transport, thus meeting the needs of new customers or additional applications. Late-stage customisation is possible as well as specific handling of



chemical powders and resins. Several silo truck cleaning stations are located in the Antwerp port area.

Main intercontinental trade partners

European customers expect packaging to be adapted to their needs, making this continent a challenging market to supply. As well as products being delivered to customers in bags on pallets, there is also a very large bulk (silo truck) market between Antwerp, Southern Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Northern France. Certain customers require specific packaging such as octabins or big bags. The specialist companies mentioned in this brochure can assist you in every step of the way towards your European customer.

Zero Pellet Loss

Antwerp is the main polymer hub in Europe for production, handling and distribution of plastic pellets. Every year, millions of pellets find their way via Antwerp to other hubs in Europe. Preventing these small plastic pellets getting into the water is a top priority.

Manufacturing industry, logistics operators and the transport sector have put their weight behind “Operation Clean Sweep[®]”, an international programme supported by PlasticsEurope, with the aim of preventing plastic litter materials getting into the marine environment. Antwerp was the first port in Europe to sign up for the programme. The main challenge of this project is to reduce the loss of pellets to the absolute minimum.

In order to prevent pellet loss, various initiatives have been realised by the Antwerp port community. The port authority and the community decided to go even beyond the commitments of the “Operation Clean Sweep” (OCS) programme, and developed “Antwerp OCS Action Plan” to intensify the efforts against pellet loss, entailing actions with regard to worksite equipment, procedures, auditing performances and outreach, as well as cleaning actions. Progress of the Antwerp OCS Action Plan will be reported in the next editions of the Antwerp OCS PoA Activity report.

Antwerp as a sustainable polymer hub

Reducing the number of plastic pellets that get lost is not the only subject on which the sector is concentrating. More sustainable production and processing of polymers is also high on the agenda. To achieve this, a consultative platform was recently set up at which the participants exchange best practices for making the plastics sector more sustainable. The participants in this platform are all members of the Zero Pellet Loss project.



Operation Clean Sweep

Companies that want to help achieve Zero Pellet Loss in port of Antwerp can join this programme.

Contact us and together we will make Antwerp the first Zero Pellet Loss port in Europe.

Antwerp service providers specialised in handling resins and powders

Company	Website	Site name	Container tilt station	Big bags	Octabins	Bags
Bertschi	bertschi.com	Zomerweg Terminal	●	●	●	●
De Rijke Group	derijke.com	De Rijke Antwerp	●	●	●	●
Katoen Natie	katoennatie.com	Katoen Natie Waasland		●	●	●
Katoen Natie	katoennatie.com	Werf & Vlas Natie		●	●	●
Katoen Natie	katoennatie.com	Valkeniersnatie		●	●	●
Katoen Natie	katoennatie.com	Quay 1227	●	●	●	●
Mexico Natie	mexiconatie.com	Terminal 740	●	●	●	●
Schmidt-Heilbronn	schmidt-heilbronn.de	Haven 550	●	●	●	●
Van Moer Logistics	vanmoer.com	Quay 1793	●	●	●	●
Van Moer Logistics	vanmoer.com	Quay 1054		●	●	●

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