

The Mitsubishi Chemical Group to Boost UK Production of SoarnoL™ EVOH Resin

The Mitsubishi Chemical Group (MCG) hereby announces that it has decided to increase its annual production capacity of SoarnoL™ ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH) resin by 21,000 tons in the United Kingdom. The production increase is slated to take effect in July 2025.

SoarnoL™ is a high gas-barrier resin used to produce packaging materials that help prolong the flavor and quality of foods, resulting in reduced food waste. In addition, multilayer films containing SoarnoL™ are certified as highly recyclable in combination with MCG's recycling compatibilizer Soaresin™*. With increasing needs for eco-friendly products, MCG anticipates solid growth in global demand for SoarnoL™ in the coming years.

Positioning healthcare & life science as one of the most important strategic focus under the new management policy "Forging the future," which was announced in December 2021, MCG will continue to contribute to a sustainable food supply by developing and promoting food packaging materials and other high performance materials.

*Refer to the following for more details.

- ["Multilayer Films Containing the Mitsubishi Chemical Group's SoarnoL EVOH Resins Up To 15 weight% Are Certified Recyclable" \(MCG's news release from July 20, 2022\)](#)
- [SoarnoL™ product website](#)

1. Location : Mitsubishi Chemical UK Limited
(SoarnoL House, Saltend, Hull HU12 8DS, UK)
2. Production capacity : 39,000 tons/year
(Increased by 21,000 tons/year from the current production capacity of 18,000 tons/year)
3. Start of construction : April 2023
4. Start of operation : July 2025



SoarnoL™ production site at Mitsubishi Chemical UK Ltd.



Image of food packaging material using SoarnoL™

Reference: Annual production capacity of SoarnoL™ EVOH resin

MCG holds a significant share in the EVOH market globally, and has three SoarnoL™ EVOH resin production sites in Japan, the US and the UK.

Unit: tons/year

Production site	Current production capacity as of July 2022	Increased production capacity as of July 2025
Japan (Okayama Plant, Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation)	10,000	10,000
US (Mitsubishi Chemical America Inc.)	41,000	41,000
UK (Mitsubishi Chemical UK Ltd.)	18,000	39,000
Total	69,000	90,000