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## News Flash

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### New Valuation for PVC also in Bielefeld, Germany

The city of Bielefeld in Germany decided to buy again products out of rigid PVC.

Bielefeld was one of the first cities in Germany which in 1987 took the decision to avoid the use of PVC-products if adequate substitutes are available. Green activists claim 90 out of the 20.000 German cities followed the example and called it a PVC ban.

Since 1987 German PVC industry did their homework and invested large sums into recycling schemes. Now collection and recovery systems for all important products like window frames, pipes, flooring, roofing membranes and packaging are installed. Umweltbundesamt - the German Federal Environment Protection Agency - and other authorities recommend PVC-Recycling. Existing recycling schemes are the reasons for the decision of Bielefeld.

Restrictions on the use of PVC were already lifted in the last time by several Federal states like Mecklenburg-West Pomerania, Thuringia and even Hesse, governed by SPD and Green Party. Federal and State parliaments as well as the Conference of the Environment Ministers rejected proposals to ban PVC. Private consumers and public purchasers in Germany buy more and more PVC-products like window frames, pipes, roofing membranes and even telephone cards.

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