

WTCE issue: 30 Years and counting with Gispol

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Founded in Lisbon, Portugal in 1994, Gispol has become a well-known player within the market of airline catering equipment and food packaging. As a family-owned company with three decades of experience, Gispol stands out for its commitment to sustainable practices, which will be showcased at the World Travel Catering & Onboard Services Expo (WTCE).

Over the past decade, Gispol has invested in developing sustainable materials tailored for airline catering. These efforts are driven by the circular economy philosophy inspired by Ellen McArthur, focusing on reducing environmental impact through innovative biological and technical cycles.

Innovations in material cycles

Gispol collaborates with raw material suppliers to create polymers from natural sources like sugarcane ethanol, rigorously tested for durability and dishwasher safety. At WTCE, Gispol will display a cup made from these biological materials, exemplifying sustainable innovation. Similarly, the technical cycle uses recycled materials to reduce reliance on virgin resources and emissions, with a recycled-material cup also featured at the event.

GispolCircle: Advancing traceability

The new GispolCircle traceability tool marks a significant advance-ment, using QR codes to track the origins of materials, whether naturally sourced or recycled. This transparency ensures clients of Gispol's dedication to sustainability.

Visitors to Gispol's WTCE booth will witness the practical application of these innovations, with a range of products made from both biological and technical materials. These offerings demonstrate Gispol's capability in blending advanced technology with environmental responsibility.

Gispol remains at the forefront of the airline catering industry, preparing a future where sustainability and quality converge. As the industry evolves, Gispol's innovative solutions ensure they meet tomorrow's challenges without compromising on performance or environmental stewardship.