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Pulp production // Recovered paper treatment

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Title: Characterization of recycled pulps by comparative studies in INGEDE member companies (2008)**Background/Problem area**

The quality profile of deinked pulps (DIPs) depends on the quality of recovered papers, on the installations available in recycling plants, and on the process chemicals used. Moreover, DIP qualities are determined by the specific requirements imposed on recycled-fibre based papers. The quality differences resulting from these criteria were identified within the framework of the INGEDE projects "Characterization of DIPs I, II, III and IV". Comparative studies were carried out in the years 1996, 1999, 2002 and 2005 to investigate deinked pulps from all INGEDE member companies. For the first time, the studies have identified comparable quality attributes among different undeinked and deinked recycled pulps produced in industrial deinking plants. Upon completion of the projects, the project delegates suggested that appraisals of the actual state should be conducted every three years in order to keep track of quality changes occurring in DIPs.

Objectives/Research results

The project was aimed at characterizing undeinked and deinked industrial recycled-fibre pulps whilst taking recovered paper compositions and the technological conditions of the recycling plants into consideration. Based on the findings of the projects "Characterization of DIPs", quality changes in DIPs were identified and analysed.

Application/Economic benefits

The project updates the data material and gives an actual overview about trends in the development of the recovered paper quality and the resulting changes of DIP parameters and the process technology. The information could be used for project and public relation work of INGEDE with the aim to increase the recyclability of recovered paper for deinking.

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