

From market stallholder to packaging manufacturer

Jules Pelgrims started out as a market stallholder in the early 1960s. After selling textiles at the market in the mornings, during his free afternoon he sold plastic film to horticulturists in the Sint-Katelijne-Waver region. Through this 'hobby' he made important contacts in the plastics industry and thus Jules began in the 1970s with the sale of plastic bags: initially to colleague stallholders and local shops, and later also to wholesalers. Pelgrims Verpakkingen was born.

At the end of the 1980s, Pelgrims started up an own production at the Berkenhoek industrial estate in Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver. In 1994, Wim Pelgrims took over the helm from his father, Jules. Under his driving force and through the acquisition of three sector associates in Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium, the company grew significantly during the 1990s. Both the machinery as well as the client base were expanded. Besides paper bags and duplex sheets, Pelgrims also started with the manufacture of plastic bags.

In 2003, Pelgrims started using a brand new manufacturing plant at Berkenhoek. After the disposal of the production activities in plastic, Pelgrims currently specializes in the production of paper bags and duplex paper. In addition to this, it also distributes all types of packaging materials.

Pioneer in technology, focus on quality

Pelgrims Verpakkingen can produce three million paper bags and two million sheets of duplex paper on a daily basis. For this, it has a dedicated team of competent trained employees and modern machinery, which is being continually expanded and kept up to date. As a pioneer in technology, new machines are custom made and being continuously developed in keeping with the needs of Pelgrims.

All processes to produce your paper bags are effectuated under own management: from the in-line printing on a 4 and 6 colour press, coating and paraffining, up to cutting to size, gluing and the forming of the bag or sheet, either or not with a window. Pelgrims custom-makes your bags, from 9 to 30 cm in width and from 20 to 80 cm in length. In all colours, printed in 4-colours.

In addition to the own production of paper bags, duplex paper and paper rolls, Pelgrims is also a wholesaler for other packaging materials, such as plastic bags, cling film, aluminium foil, bakery boxes and pallet wrapping film. Just as for the own production, the accent here lies on quality.

Greater printing efficiency in a sustainable manner

As a pioneer in technology, Pelgrims Verpakkingen uses a revolutionary process to print your paper bags and duplex paper. It concerns here the new FAST concept from Dupont. This computer-to-plate printing method saves time, costs and is environmentally friendly.

The Fast concept is based on a flexible synthetic print plate on which the desired imprint of your paper bag or duplex paper is processed with the computer. Your print plate is ready within two hours, whilst this can take up to two days with the traditional working method. Moreover, your print plate is ready for some 10 million rotations and thus, equally for as many paper bags as duplex sheets. Pelgrims develops your print plate and retains these for reuse.

The Fast concept is with this working method not only especially sustainable, but also more environmentally-friendly than the traditional printing methods. No solvents are used: neither by the making of the print plate, nor by the printing process itself, nor by the cleaning of the print plate after a print run.

Your packaging in capable hands

Approximately two-thirds of the 10,600 m² plant of Pelgrims Verpakkingen at Berkenhoek in Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver is used as a warehouse. Here you packaging can also be retained and stored in optimum conditions. Furthermore, Pelgrims Verpakkingen has a wide range of products with a neutral imprint, which can be delivered on demand within a very short period.

The computer-driven warehouse is equipped with a track-and-trace system and complies with BNC and HACCP standards. In this manner, the origin of each end product can be traced.

Pelgrims Verpakkingen concentrates on the Belgian market. With an own fleet of vehicles, it serves packaging wholesalers, the packaging industry and wholesale distribution.

Four product categories

The products of Pelgrims Verpakkingen are divided into four large groups:

1. Paper bags:

- Fruit bags
- (Baguette-) bread bags
- French rolls bags
- Sandwich bags
- Chicken bags
- Snack and hamburger bags
- Sweets bags

- Etc.

2. Plastic bags:

- Vest carrier bags
- HPDE [high-density polyethylene] bags with handgrip or seal bags
- LDPE [low-density polyethylene] freezer bags
- Garbage bags / bin liners
- Etc.

3. Duplex paper (paper sheet glued with plastic sheet, imprinted and cut to size):

- Packaging for deli meats
- Packaging for filled sandwiches
- Packaging for cheese and fish
- Etc.

4. Various

- Aluminium foil
- Stretch foil
- Cling film
- Saran[®] wrap
- Bouquet foil
- Greaseproof and paraffin-waxed sheets
- Bakery boxes
- Cake paper doilies
- Paper rolls
- Silk paper
- Baking paper
- Etc.

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