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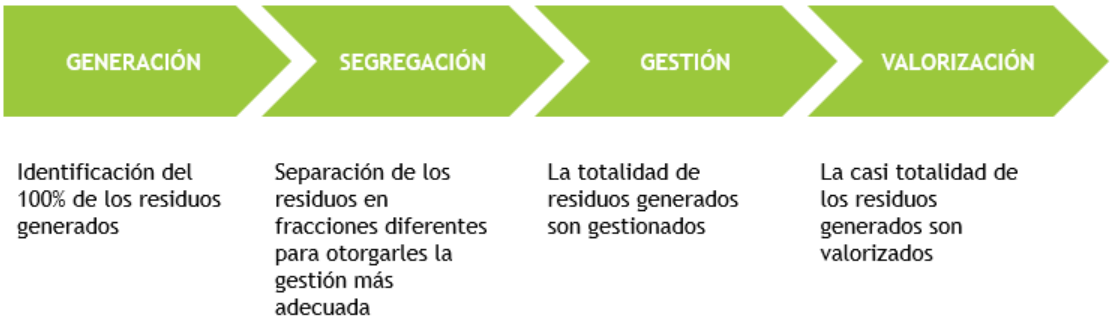
El Corte Inglés achieves Zero Waste certification at its 140 centres and logistics hubs

- *All El Corte Inglés and Hipercor establishments, as well as logistics hubs, can now boast AENOR Zero Waste certification.*
- *The Group has already begun the same process to obtain certification for its outlets and Supercor and Supercor Express supermarkets in 2026.*

Madrid, 23 August 2023: El Corte Inglés Group has obtained AENOR Zero Waste certification for all its El Corte Inglés and Hipercor commercial establishments and all logistics hubs, making up a total of 140 centres. This has enabled the group to reuse 56,086 tonnes of waste in 2022, 94.34% of all waste generated by its activity.

This system closes the circular economy cycle as it is based on the idea that "all waste produced is managed and what is managed, is reused". The success of this model lies in reusing over 90% of the waste generated.

The next step taken by the group is to obtain Zero Waste certification for all its outlets, as well as Supercor and Supercor Express supermarkets, before 2026.



El Corte Inglés launched this pioneering initiative in Galicia in 2018 and was the first Spanish distribution company to obtain AENOR Zero Waste certification for its shopping centres the

following year. Since then, the project has been rolled out to the Principality of Asturias, Castile and León, Aragón, Navarre, Basque Country, Region of Valencia, Region of Murcia, Andalusia, Catalonia, Balearic Islands, Extremadura as well as Portugal. Its centres in Castile-La Mancha, Region of Madrid, Canary Islands and Girona were added this year, making a total of 140 certified El Corte Inglés establishments and hubs.



The AENOR Zero Waste certificate helps organisations to optimise processes, focusing on waste generation points and contributing to foster the Circular Economy by prioritising reuse and recycling, giving waste a new use as a raw material.

To achieve this goal, the company has adapted how its centres and warehouses operate to a sustainable system, minimising the impact of its activity in order to obtain Zero Waste certification.

El Corte Inglés activities generate over 50 different types of waste, which are properly separated for reuse. Waste comes from its own business activities as well as customer household waste.

Leading projects to avoid generating waste include agreements with different entities to prevent food waste. Throughout the year a total of 4.81 million kg of food has been donated to food banks and charitable organisations; this food is safe for consumption, was not for sale and was distributed around numerous homes. Agreements are also in place with nature parks, farms and zoos to reuse food not suitable for human consumption. The most significant are:

- Andalusia:
  - ✓ Bioparc, Fuengirola
  - ✓ Fauna Silvestre Park, Collado el Almendral
  - ✓ Córdoba municipal zoo
- Region of Valencia:
  - ✓ Bioparc, Valencia
  - ✓ Río Safari Elche
- Catalonia and Balearic Islands:
  - ✓ Puig Galatzó Reserve
- Region of Murcia:
  - ✓ Terranatura
- Castile-La Mancha:
  - ✓ Arca de Noé Animal and Plant Protection Association
- Region of Madrid:
  - ✓ Comprehensive Animal Protection Centre, Alcorcón
- Galicia:
  - ✓ Pastos do Enxilde
- Cantabria:
  - ✓ Cantur
- Principality of Asturias:
  - ✓ El Bosque Zoo
- Extremadura:
  - ✓ Animal protection centre, Badajoz
- Canary Islands:
  - ✓ Loro Park
- Basque Country:
  - ✓ SOS Bilbao Animal Protection Association
- Castile and León:
  - ✓ Luna Foundation

Reorganisation of logistics routes and vehicle loading optimisation —with the subsequent drop in CO_2 emissions—, transformation of waste into new raw materials and promotion of the circular economy by recycling, reusing and recovering electronic devices are other initiatives worthy of note.

All these actions are part of the El Corte Inglés commitment to society and the environment, and its spirit of listening closely to the concerns of citizens.

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