

## **Soccer teams to wear jerseys made from recycled bottles**

Feb. 26 -- National soccer teams, including those from the United States, Brazil, Portugal and the Netherlands, will begin wearing jerseys made from recycled plastic bottles.

Nike unveiled the new jerseys in London made from up to eight recycled bottles each.

Suppliers to Nike used discarded plastic bottles from Japanese and Taiwanese landfill sites that were melted to produce new yarn that was then converted into fabric for the jerseys.

Other national teams using the new jerseys include South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Serbia and Slovenia.

"With today's announcement, we are equipping athletes with newly designed uniforms that not only look great and deliver performance benefits, but are also made with recycled materials, creating less impact on our environment," said Charlie Denson, president of Nike Brand.

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