China's National Development and Reform Commission held the first National Working Conference on the circular economy, officially making the circular economy a national strategy and an economic development model.

2009 CIRCULAR ECONOMY PROMOTION LAW

This law provides a legal guarantee the country will promote the circular economy, improve resource efficiency and protect the environment.

2012 18TH NATIONAL CONGRESS

The 18th National Congress prioritized establishing a resource recycling system by 2020, tying economic development to resource conservation and the circular economy.

2013 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

The State Council issued the Development Strategy and Immediate Action Plan of the Circular Economy, which made strategic arrangements for the circular economy in the 12th Five-Year Plan period and beyond.

2016 13TH FIVE-YEAR PLAN

During the 13th Five-Year Plan period, the National Development and Reform Commission issued the Initiative to Guide the Shift Toward Circular Development, which expanded the circular economy concept from the industry level to entire sectors and broader enterprises.

2017 19TH NATIONAL CONGRESS

The 19th National Congress proposed promoting green development, advancing resource conservation and recycling, as well as focusing on connecting circular production to the rest of the value chain to create a truly circular economy.

2021 GREEN CIRCULAR ECONOMIC SYSTEM

The State Council released the Guiding Opinions on Accelerating the Establishment and Improvement of a Green and Low-Carbon Circular Development Economic System. Promoting the overall green transformation of China's economic and social development is an essential strategy for solving China's resource and ecological challenges.

2021 NET ZERO BY 2060

The 14th Five-Year Plan proposes comprehensively promoting the circular economy concept and building a multi-level, resource-efficient recycling system. This will aid China in their net-zero target emissions goals for 2060.

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