## **ECMA Food Contact Network Update**



## **CEPI/CITPA Food Contact Guidelines**

Since 2015, we have regularly been circulating information on the progress made in the development of the new CEPI/CITPA food safety guideline.

Last week the annexed publication "Food contact guidelines for the compliance of paper & board materials and articles" (56 pages) was released.

Compared to the previously existing "Industry Guideline", published in 2010 and updated in 2012, the guidance is now more comprehensive and covers both, paper manufacturing and the converting operations.

ECMA is actively involved in the CEPI/CITPA Food Contact Coordination Group, the platform in which this general guidance document was developed.

For converters the document is at both ends valuable.

The publication gives an indication on <u>what we can expect from our paper and board suppliers</u>, provides general guidance regarding the food safety measures to respect as converters and indicates what needs to be shared with customers.

The publication is complementary to the detailed sector specific GMP guidance documents, available for the different paper & board converting sectors.

The publication covers the following content:

- 1. Summary of core requirements.
- 2. Graphical representation of area covered by the scope of the guideline.
- 3. Testing for compliance.
- 4. Paper for recycling. Requirements for its use in food contact materials and articles.
- 5. Traceability guidelines.
- 6. Labelling guidelines.
- 7. Supply chain communication.
- 8. Guidance on preparing a declaration of compliance.
- 9. Definitions.
- 10. References.

A CEPI Press release is available from the following link: <a href="http://www.cepi.org/taxonomy/term/18">http://www.cepi.org/taxonomy/term/18</a>
The full document can also be downloaded:

http://www.cepi.org/system/files/public/news\_items/Food%20Contact%20Guidelines\_2019.pdf

A webinar on the guideline is scheduled on the 29<sup>th</sup> April (11.00 - 12.00 AM CEST) Registration via: <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4970700052806173708">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4970700052806173708</a>