



Council of Europe

Late November we shared the draft text of the “General Resolution” Guiding Principles on food contact materials.

Yesterday the Council of Europe released via their website the annexed following two documents for consultation:

- Guiding principles for Food Contact Materials and Articles.
- Technical Guide on Paper and Board Materials and Articles for Food Contact.

The consultation is open until the 16th March.

Comments will be discussed in the next ECMA Food Safety Committee meeting the 5/03.

<https://www.edqm.eu/en/news/food-contact-materials-and-articles-new-documents-consultation>

Fluorinated substances

In relation to the update mail the 31/01 herewith also a short ECMA public statement on this topic.

Swiss Ordinance on food contact materials

An updated version of the Swiss ordinance is available from the Swiss Food Safety Authorities.

<https://www.blv.admin.ch/blv/en/home/gebrauchsgegenstaende/materialien-in-kontakt-mit-lebensmitteln.html>

Previously Article 27 stipulated, recycled paper and board (without appropriate measures in place) could not be used in contact with food, with a number of exemptions: eggs, salt, fruit and vegetables (not releasing juice and which need to be shelled or peeled).

In the reviewed version (Applicable since the 1st December 2019) Article 27 is more aligned with the Food Contact Framework Regulation:

Recycled paper and cardboard can only be used:

- a. if they are made from virgin fibre unprinted production off-cuts which meet the requirements applicable to them
- b. for specific applications if it is demonstrated that the migration of components into foodstuffs meets the requirements of Art. 49 ODAIOUs (~ Article 3 FCFR) or
- c. if, by appropriate measures (e.g. barrier layer or adsorbents), the migration of components into the foodstuffs meets the requirements of Art. 49 ODAIOUs.

More FOOD SAFETY CONGRESSES 2020

18-19 March (Munich)

Conference Hazard analysis & Risk assessment in food

<https://www.packagingmeeting.it/en/shop/conferences/conference-hazard-analysis-and-risk-assessment/>

5-6 May (Chicago)

Keller & Heckman Paper Packaging Law Seminar

<https://www.khlaw.com/Paper-Packaging-Law-Seminar-2020>

29 September - 1 October (Baveno Italy)

International Conference Food Contact Compliance

<https://www.packagingmeeting.it/en/shop/conferences/international-conference-food-contact-compliance-en/>

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