

# NEWSLETTER

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**Food Contact Services S.r.l.** provides a monthly newsletter service, which allows a constant updating on the main regulatory news relating to the world of materials and objects intended for food contact. The service provides the monthly sending (by the 15th of each month) of an information document containing the most impactful regulatory changes recorded in the previous month; it is on a subscription basis.



The subscription generally lasts for 12 months from the date of acceptance of the offer. It is possible to receive the standard version of the newsletter or request a customized version of the service including logos and images dedicated to the individual company.

The newsletter contains important regulatory news or studies of particular interest that could influence the operations of individual companies and the most interesting events scheduled in the following months.

By consulting the Newsletter, it is possible to understand regulatory and market trends; the service is therefore complementary to the regulatory matrix subscription and it has a strategic importance as it can allow companies to anticipate any actions.

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The peculiarity of our Newsletter is that it allows you to be updated every month with all the important news from the **five continents of the world**.

**Regulatory updating** is one of the requirements for operating in the field of Good Manufacturing Practices according to the dictates of **EC Regulation 2023:2006** and the Newsletter is a perfect tool for this purpose, reporting news both in Europe and on other continents (USA and Asia in the first place but also, when necessary, news relating to other continents).

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ASIA

NEWS 5  
03.01.2024

REGULATION  
RELEASED BY  
CHINA NATIONAL CENTER  
FOR FOOD SAFETY RISK  
ASSESSMENT (CFSA)

China Solicits Comments on Four New Food-Contact Materials

*The China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment (CFSA) solicited comments on four food-contact materials and articles: two new additives and two new resins. Comments are due by January 21, 2024*

New Food-Contact Additives

- Chromium iron oxide (CAS No. 12737-27-8) is to be cleared for use in plastics at a maximum use level of 2%. Plastic materials and articles containing this substance may not be used in the production of food-contact materials and articles for infants and young children. In addition.
- Bicyclo[2.2.1] heptane-2,3-dicarboxylic acid, calcium salt 1:1, (1R,2R,3S,4S) -rel- (CAS No. 839683-04-4) is to be cleared for use in polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) at a maximum use level of 0.25%. The specific migration level (SML) is 5 mg/kg. PP and PE plastic materials and articles containing this substance may not be used for the production of food-contact materials and articles for infants and young children. The use temperature may not exceed 100°C.

New Resins

- Polybutylene succinate adipate (CAS No. 67423-06-7) is to be cleared for use in plastics at the necessary usage level. The SMLs are 5 mg/kg (as 1,4-butanediol) and 0.05 mg/kg (tetrahydrofuran). This substance may not be used for the production of food-contact materials and articles for infant and young children use. PBPA plastics and products produced from this substance may not be used in contact with acidic foods and foods with ethanol content higher than 10%, and shall be for one-time use only, filled at room temperature and stored at room temperature for a long time (including hot filling and pasteurization at T≥70°C, ts2h or T≤100°C, ts15min).
- 1,3-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, polymer with 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid and 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol (CAS No. 26124-27-6) is to be cleared for use in plastics at the necessary usage level. The SMLs are 5 mg/kg (as 1,3-benzenedicarboxylic acid) and 7.5 mg/kg (as 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid). This substance may not be used for the production of food-contact materials and articles for infants and young children.

IMPACT ON THE MARKET

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NEWS IN PILLS

NEWS 1  
03.01.2024

REGULATION  
RELEASED BY  
SWISS FEDERAL FOOD  
SAFETY AND VETERINARY  
OFFICE (FSVO)

SWISS PRINTING INKS ORDINANCE UPDATED

*Swiss Ordinance 817.023.21 on materials and articles will be updated as of February 1, 2024, by an amendment dated December 8, 2023. One significant change is that the Part B list (unevaluated substances) of the positive list in Annex 10 (Packaging Inks) will be deleted such that only the Part A list (evaluated substances) will remain. Unlisted substances may be used provided that they are not carcinogenic, mutagenic, or toxic to reproduction.*

NEWS 2  
20.01.2024

STUDY  
RELEASED BY  
JOURNAL FOOD PACKAGING  
AND SHELF LIFE

PAPER STRAWS NOT SAFER THAN PLASTIC STRAWS, SCIENTISTS FIND

*Study analyzes non-volatile compounds migrating from nine different printed and non-printed paper straws into soda; identifies 19 chemicals in concentrations up to 3.6 mg/kg soda; chemicals include suspected carcinogen and endocrine disruptors; findings suggest paper straws are not a safer alternative to plastic straws*

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