

FOOD CONTACT

We are often asked to supply product and/or a process which complies with regulations referring to direct contact with food as in the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the U.S. and other similar bodies in the U.K. and Germany etc.

In our case, this product or process may include film lamination, paper/board coatings or associated products.

If formally requested on the official order, we can use films, adhesives and/or coatings which will comply with certain FDA regulations including 21CFR177.1520, 21CFR177.1350, paragraphs (a)(c)(d) and (e), 21CFR175.105, 21CFR175.300, 21CFR176.170, 21CFR177.1630 and 21CFR176.180 where applicable.

We stress that these regulations are subject to various conditions including, for instance, problems relating to direct contact with foods or beverages containing alcohol solvents or levels of fat content. There are also potential problems in the use of coated and/or laminated paper stock in situations other than at room temperature.

Because of these and other conditions and because we are not aware of the ingredients, formulas or make-up of the foods concerned in each job or end use, it is imperative that the client, the packager and/or the ultimate end user conducts their own tests to satisfy that the required standards are met.

In other words, the finished coated surface must be fully tested for performance with the specific substrate (being the paper, board, inks, coating or film lamination) in contact with the specific food under the specific conditions for which it is designed or required to do.

It also means we are not prepared to accept any responsibility for non-performance when there are so many variables, particularly in the food content involved in the job. We can only assure you that the coating and/or film used or supplied, if ordered specifically, complies with the regulations as stipulated.

Due to Quality Assurance and the changing nature of market expectations with regard to Health and Safety, we stress that while we continue to use raw materials with FDA compliance for use in food applications we are in no way implying that the product is produced under food grade conditions.

We also stress that energy-cured (UV) products such as high-gloss varnish do not comply and are not to be used for direct contact with food. If used on the outside of packaging cartons or on inserts into food packs, we insist that the food and/or insert be packaged and sealed separately. Written confirmations will be required for this specification.

Again, it is necessary for you to stipulate your food grade requirement on your official order if the job goes ahead.

For further details, please contact our sales or production team.



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