

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) NO 10/2011 OF 14 JANUARY 2011 ON PLASTIC MATERIALS AND ARTICLES INTENDED TO COME INTO CONTACT WITH FOOD

In the Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 the detailed requirements of Article 3 of the Framework regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 are given for plastic food contact materials (FCMs).

The regulation contains the Union list of substances approved to make plastic FCM, in which monomers or other starting substances to be used to produce polymers, polymer additives, polymer production aids and macromolecules from fermentation are included. Other substances like colourants, solvents, non-intentionally added substances and polymerization aids are excluded.

Also printing inks are not covered by the regulation, as they are not FCMs. However in a multilayer polymeric material a dry printing ink layer may be present and the final multilayer material or article must be compliant with the regulation. In order to allow the producer of the multilayer plastic material to demonstrate the compliance of the FCM with the regulations adequate information must be provided about the inks to the manufacturer of the final plastic article (recital 30).

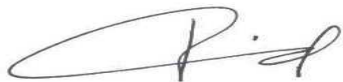
In order to comply with this requirement Flint Group is offering the Statement of Composition. The information in the Statement of Composition are regularly updated in case new amendments to the regulation or any other relevant changes become in force.

Last year the Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2019/37 of 10 January 2019, No. 2019/988 of 17 June 2019 and No. 2019/1338 of 8 August 2019 and recently the Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2020/1245 of 2 September 2020 amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food have been published.

The regulations correct and clarify some statements from the Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 and add or modify some positive tested substances.

Printing inks are still not directly in the scope, however due to new restrictions for some substances, it may be necessary to recheck the compliance of the final (printed) FCM. This is the responsibility of the manufacturer of the final article, the ink related information are provided as usual in our Statements of Composition.

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