

GERMAN INK ORDINANCE

Lainate, 17/03/2025

Dear Customer,

the so-called "German Printing Inks Ordinance" - GIO (21st ordinance amending the Consumer Goods Ordinance), which sets standards for printed objects and materials intended for contact with food produced in Germany, was approved by the Bundesrat on November 26th, 2021 and published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale on December 7th 2024 (BGBl. I 2021 p. 5068 (no. 82)).

The central element of the ordinance is a positive list of substances whose use is allowed in the production of inks for printing materials in contact with food (e.g., packaging or napkins - Annex 14 of the Consumer Goods Ordinance-BedGgstV).

The list includes only those substances that received a positive opinion from the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR).

The instructions in the Ordinance will apply only after the planned transitional period, that mens starting from January 1st, 2026.

This period was set to allow manufacturers of chemicals used in printing inks to be able to add substances to the positive list appended to the Ordinance itself.

COLORGRAF, as a manufacturer of inks and varnishes, is in constant contact and cooperation with raw material suppliers to receive all supporting information necessary to prepare the declaration of compliance with this Ordinance.

For further clarifications, HSE office:

Mrs. Anna PEREGO annaperego@colorgraf.it

Mrs. Arianna MARCHESI ariannamarchesi@colorgraf.it