

## GERMAN INK ORDINANCE

Lainate, 27/06/2025

Dear Customer,

The so-called "Printing Inks Ordinance" – GIO (21st Ordinance amending the Consumer Goods Ordinance), which establishes the regulatory framework for printed materials and articles intended to come in contact with foodstuffs produced in Germany, was approved by the Bundesrat on November 26th 2021 and published in the Federal Law Gazette on December 7th (BGBl. I 2021 p. 5068, No. 82).

The central element of this Ordinance is a positive list of substances authorised for use in the manufacture of printing inks intended for application in food contact materials (e.g., packaging or napkins – Annex 14 of the Consumer Goods Ordinance – BedGgstV).

Only substances for which the Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) has issued a favourable opinion are included in this list.

The provisions of the Ordinance shall enter into force following the expiry of a transitional period, specifically as of January 1st 2026.

This interim period has been granted to enable manufacturers of chemical substances used in printing inks to apply for the inclusion of additional substances in the aforementioned positive list, included in the Ordinance.

According to the information provided by our key suppliers, the raw materials currently employed in our FP products (manufactured under GMP conditions and suitable for the production of food packaging) are confirmed to be compliant with the intended uses, in accordance with the requirements and principles set forth by the Ordinance.

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