

**Declaration of Compliance
For Packaging
Intended for Direct Food Contact**



All food packaging supplied by or on behalf of Rapid Action Packaging Ltd (RAP) is produced in compliance with European and, where applicable, other relevant laws, regulations and legal requirements for food packaging. In addition, it is our practice to recognise industry standards where they provide relevant additional guidance. Specific interpretation and implementation of all European Directives and Regulations will be governed by the laws of the European Member State where the packaging is produced.

All primary food contact packaging supplied by RAP is suitable for packing dry or moist, fatty foodstuffs under frozen, chilled or ambient conditions. Products can also be supplied for use with other foodstuffs or conditions, including hot hold and ovenable products, but must be by direct agreement with RAP, to ensure the correct materials are used for the intended process.

RAP's packaging products and all material components comply with the following:

- All **Materials and articles intended to come into direct contact with food** are in compliance with European Commission **REGULATION (EC) No. 1935/2004** and relevant sections of United States **FDA Title 21** for all direct food contact components and, in addition:
 - All food contact plastic materials comply with, and have been tested in accordance with, European Commission **REGULATION 10/2011 Plastics and Articles Intended to Come into Contact with Food**, including all amendments, up to and including, at the time of writing, 2017/752/EU.
 - All paper and board used as components of our packaging products are produced from virgin board which is intended for food packaging and contain no recycled content. In the absence of specific EC regulations for paper and board used in food packaging we use materials in compliance with **Recommendation XXXVI of the German BfR** (formerly known as BgVV) or an equivalent international standard.
 - Other relevant directives will be complied with as and where appropriate.
- All packaging supplied by RAP and all components, including inks and coatings are produced in compliance with European Commission **REGULATION (EC) No. 2023/2006** requiring Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) as assured by the following:
 - **Independently Audited Quality System** to ensure control of manufacturing. Unless stated otherwise this will be a system audited to **ISO9001:2008**.
 - **Independently Audited Food Packaging Standards** to ensure suitable hygiene levels of staff and premises, contamination controls and internal auditing, suitable for food packaging production. Unless stated otherwise this will be a system certified against the **BRC Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials Grade A** (Risk Category: High), as suitable for Direct Food Contact Packaging.

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- As “articles” our packaging products are not required to comply with REACH directly. However we can confirm that all substances, preparations and chemicals used in the manufacture of our products have been assessed, registered with the relevant office and are suitable for the purpose for which they are being used as required by European Commission **REGULATION (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)**.
- We can also confirm that no plastics or articles supplied by us contain SVHC’s (Substances of Very High Concern) as defined in articles 57 and 59 of the REACH regulations at levels at or above 0.1%.
- In addition to Food and Chemical safety, all our packaging is produced in compliance with **European Parliament and COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 94/62/EC** 1994 on Packaging and Packaging Waste, and all amendments, up to and including, at the time of writing, 2015/720/EU. This can be summarised as follows:
 - Weight is minimised.
 - Options for re-use or recycling are maximised.
 - Products are made only from materials which are suitable for energy production by incineration.
 - Heavy metals are below the levels set by the Directive.
- In addition to statutory compliance we also refer to other regulations and guidelines where these are relevant for assuring safety of our packaging including:
 - **EuPIA GUIDELINES** for Printing Inks for use on Food Packaging.
 - **EN 71** & (Toy Safety Standard) which ensure inks do not contain heavy metals or toxic substances that could cause harm by accidental ingestion.
 - Government, Statutory & Industry Guidelines that may be issued from time to time in response to newly available information or specific incidents not directly covered by current European Law.

This Declaration of Compliance relates to the packaging as supplied by Rapid Action Packaging Ltd for its intended purpose, as identified to us by the purchaser. This may be used to support the users own assessment of legal compliance in conjunction with compliance of their own products, processes and procedures in accordance with all relevant laws and regulations.

Signed on Behalf of Rapid Action Packaging Ltd

Date

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Dr R Paradine – Head of Technical

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