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XXXVI. Paper and board for food contact

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Preamble

1. This Recommendation is valid for single and multi-layered commodities (articles, materials) made of paper or paperboard which are intended to come into contact with or affect foodstuffs. It includes paper or paperboard which is intended to be used at temperatures up to 90 °C (holding and reheating of food). For the following listed special applications (e.g. higher temperature range) the respective special Recommendation has to be noted:

- For paper that in its intended use will be subject to hot extraction (boil-in-bag packages, tea bags, hot filter papers), and for filter layers that in their intended use will be subject to extraction (filtration) Recommendation XXXVI/1 applies.

- For paper, paperboard and board which comes into contact with or affects foodstuffs during baking Recommendation XXXVI/2 applies. This recommendation also applies for usage in microwave ovens.

- For Absorber pads based on cellulosic fibres for food packaging Recommendation XXXVI/3 applies.

2. Regarding the substance groups that are covered by this Recommendation the following restrictions have to be noted:

a) This Recommendation applies to raw materials (section A), production aids (section B), and special paper refining agents (section C) used in the production process for paper, paperboard and board that comes into contact with foodstuffs. Moreover, in the paper production process substances are used to keep manufacturing devices clean and to protect them from corrosion. This Recommendation shall not apply for these substances. The manufacturer or distributor of the paper is responsible to comply to food regulations (especially Regulation (EU) No. 1935/2004) for these substances¹. However, substances listed in this Recommendation subject to the above stated applications were listed before 2013.

b) Substances that are used for manufacturing of paper raw materials listed in section A or substances that are used for formulation of active ingredients listed in section B and C (e.g. emulsifiers, solvents, set-up chemicals, stabilizer, pH modifiers) are not subject to this BfR-Recommendation. For their application requirements of article 3 of the Regulation (EU) No. 1935/2004 shall be used¹. However, substances listed in this Recommendation subject to the above stated applications were listed before 2013. Preservatives that are used to prevent microbial spoilage of formulations and slimicides are still covered by this Recommendation.

¹ For guidance on compliance of the manufacturer's responsibility the following guidelines and assessments of substances may be used exemplarily: other Recommendations of the BfR, assessments of the European Food Safety Authority or the Scientific Committee on Food (SCF), Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011, European rules on food additives and drinking water. Moreover, an assessment can be made by the manufacturer on his own responsibility.

3. Methods for testing commodities (materials and articles) made of paper or paperboard are available under http://www.bfr.bund.de/de/methodensammlung_papier__karton_und_pappe-32620.html.
4. The finished paper or paperboard must have no preserving effect on the foodstuffs with which they come into contact².
5. To the extent that in this Recommendation the use of certain substances is restricted the maximum quantities given, if not applied to surface area or otherwise stated, refer to the dry finished product.
6. If in the production of a certain paper or paperboard a particular production aid, on account of its wide spectrum of use, is listed more than once in the Recommendation, the largest maximum amount given is to be taken as the "in total" maximum. Adding the different maximum amounts together is not permissible.
7. No more than 10 µg/l lead and 5 µg/l cadmium must be detectable in the cold water extract of the finished product.³
8. Azo dyes after Annex 1, No. 7 (§ 3) of the Commodities Regulation (Bedarfsgegenstände-verordnung), must not be used in the manufacture of food-contact paper or paper board.⁴
9. In a composite, multi-layered or coated material, if the layer which comes into contact with the foodstuff is made of paper or paperboard it must comply with this Recommendation. Also, except for traces that are harmless to health and have no effect on taste or smell of the foodstuff, there must be no migration of substances from other layers into foodstuffs or on their surface.
10. Optical brighteners must not migrate to the foodstuff. Testing is conducted according to DIN EN 648³, whereby a value of 5 on the evaluation scale must be reached.
11. When applied as specified, primary aromatic amines may not be released from the finished food contact material in a detectable amount. The detection limit is 0.01 mg/kg food or food simulant and applies to the sum of the released primary aromatic amines. Additionally, primary aromatic amines classified as carcinogens in classes 1A and 1B of the CLP Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 may not be released referred to the single substance with a detection limit of 0.002 mg/kg food or food simulant.

There are no objections to the use of paper or paperboard in the manufacture of commodities in the sense of § 2, Para. 6, No. 1 of the Food and Feed Code (Lebensmittel- und Futtermittelgesetzbuch (LFGB)), provided they are suitable for their intended purpose and comply also with the following conditions:

² DIN EN 1104: "Determination of the transfer of antimicrobial constituents"

³ Testing is not necessary for paper and paperboard intended for contact with dry and at the same time non-fatty foodstuffs (e.g. flour, semolina, rice, breakfast cereals, breadcrumbs, sugar and salt).

⁴ Detecting the use of prohibited azo dyes according to "Amtliche Sammlung von Untersuchungsverfahren nach § 64 LFGB", method B 82.02-2.

A. Raw materials⁵

The following raw materials may be used:

I. Fibrous materials:

1. Natural and synthetic cellulose fibres, bleached or unbleached.
2. Fibres of synthetic high polymers, provided they comply with the prevailing requirements of food law.
3. Wood pulp, bleached or unbleached.
4. Recycled fibres made from paper or paperboard provided that the finished articles comply with the requirements in the annex of this Recommendation.

II. Fillers:

Natural and synthetically produced, insoluble minerals that are harmless to health, such as carbonates of calcium and magnesium, silicon dioxide, silicates, or mixed silicates of sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, aluminium and iron, calcium sulfate, calcium sulfoaluminate (satin white), barium sulfate (free of soluble barium compounds), titanium oxide. The fillers listed above must comply with the purity requirements stipulated under No. 3 in Recommendation LII. "Fillers".

Microspheres⁶ made from a copolymer of vinylidene chloride, methyl methacrylate and acrylonitrile, filled with isobutane, max. 1.5 %, based on the dry fibres weight.

Activated carbon (The activated carbon must comply with the purity requirements for E 153 established by Regulation (EU) No. 231/2012)

B. Production aids

The following production aids may be used:

I. Sizing agents:

1. Colophony, addition products of maleic and fumaric acid and/or of formaldehyde with colophony. No more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde/ dm² must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
2. Casein and glue of animal origin
3. Starch⁷
 - 3.1 Native⁸ starch, physically modified starch, enzymatically modified starch and acid-treated starch, as well as the chemically modified starches listed in

⁵ Since 2013 additives to raw material are not subject for this Recommendation (see preamble, section 2). The following substances were listed before 2013 and are still part of this Recommendation: a) Xylanase (There must be no detectable residual activity of this enzyme in the finished product.), b) Diethylene triamine pentamethylene phosphonic acid, max. 0.22 %, based on dry, fibres weight, c) Potassium sulfite, max. 0.01 %. Tetrasodium iminodisuccinate, max. 0.17 %, based on dry fibres weight, d) Tetrasodium iminodisuccinate, max. 0.17 %, based on dry fibres weight. The application of the substances mentioned above in accordance with the stated limitations continues to comply with this Recommendation. The application of anthraquinone as additive to raw material is no longer recommended.

⁶ The function of the microspheres is to reduce the density of the paper. The initiator, Bis(4-tert-butylcyclohexyl)peroxidicarbonate may be used, max. 0.45 % based on the microspheres.

⁷ The general and specific purity requirements after Annex 2, List A, Part II of the Regulation on Food Additives (Zusatzstoff-Verkehrsverordnung) apply.

⁸ Native food starch is a carbohydrate polymer consisting almost entirely of α -D-glucose units. It occurs in granular form in the organs of certain plants, from which it is extracted.

- Annex 2, List B, Part I of the Regulation on Food Additives (Zusatzstoff-Verkehrsverordnung)
- 3.2 Other modified starches
 - 3.2.1 Bleached starch, also treated with sodium, potassium or ammonium peroxydisulfate, as well as with peroxyacetic acid and/or hydrogen peroxide
 - 3.2.2 Oxidatively degraded starch, also treated with hydrogen peroxide, sodium, potassium or ammonium peroxydisulfate, including dialdehyde starch produced from oxidised starch with an aldehyde content of at least 90 %⁹
 - 3.2.3 Starch esters
 - 3.2.3.1 Monostarch phosphate, also treated with ammonium phosphate or orthophosphoric acid in the presence of urea
 - 3.2.3.2 Starch acetate, also treated with vinyl acetate (specification of starch: max. 2.5 % acetyl groups)
 - 3.2.3.3 Starch succinate
 - 3.2.4 Starch ethers
 - 3.2.4.1 Treated with propylene oxide to produce neutral starch ethers (specification of starch: propylene chlorohydrin, max. 1 mg/kg; degree of substitution (DS), max. 0.2).
 - 3.2.4.2 Treated with monochloroacetate to produce anionic starch ethers (specification of starch: sodium glycolate, max. 0.4 %; degree of substitution, max. 0.08).
 - 3.2.4.3 Treated with 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl trimethyl ammonium chloride or glycidyl trimethyl ammonium chloride (specification of starch: epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 1 mg/kg; nitrogen, max. 4.0 %).
 - 3.2.4.4 Treated with 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl trimethyl ammonium chloride and succinic anhydride (specification of starch: epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 1 mg/kg; nitrogen, max. 1.6 %).
 - 3.2.5 Starch, cross-linked with epichlorohydrin¹⁰ and treated with 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl trimethyl ammonium chloride (specification of starch: epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 1mg/kg; nitrogen, max. 0.5 %).
 - 3.2.6 Monostarch phosphate, treated with 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl trimethyl ammonium chloride (specification of starch: epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 1 mg/kg; nitrogen, max. 0.5 %).
 4. Cellulose ether
 5. Sodium salt of carboxymethyl cellulose, technically pure¹¹
 6. Alginates⁷, xanthane⁷, mannogalactanes⁷
 7. Galactomannane ethers
 - 7.1 Carboxymethylgalactomannane, residual content in sodium glycolate max. 0.5 %
 - 7.2 Galactomannane, treated with 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl-trimethylammonium chloride or glycidyl-trimethylammonium chloride (specification: epichlorohydrin¹⁰ max.1 mg/kg, nitrogen max. 4.0 %)
 8. Water-glass and alumina gel
 9. Dispersions of wax and paraffin, provided the waxes and paraffins comply with amended Recommendation XXV, Part I¹², in total max. 2.0 %.
 10. Plastics dispersions, provided they comply with amended Recommendation XIV.

⁹ See method for analysing tobacco additives, "Bestimmung der Dialdehydeenheiten in Oxi- bzw. Dialdehydstärke", Bundesgesundheitsblatt 8 (1965) 110.

¹⁰ No ethyleneimine must be detectable in the resin (detection limit 0.1 mg/kg). 1,3-Dichloro-2-propanol must not be detectable in water extract of the finished product (detection limit 2 µg/l). The transfer of 3-monochloro-1,2-propanediol into the water extract of the finished products must be as low as technically achievable, a limit of 12 µg/l must not be exceeded in any case.

¹¹ The Sodium glycolate content may not exceed 12 %.

¹² Recommendation XXV. " Hard paraffins, microcrystalline waxes and mixtures of these with waxes, resins and plastics "

11. Reemulsifiable polyvinyl chloride, provided it complies with amended Recommendation II¹³.
12. Di-alkyl(C₁₀-C₂₂)diketenes, which can contain up to 65 % isoalkyl groups, max. 1.0 %. The transfer of dialkylketones, that are produced by hydrolysis, into foodstuff may not exceed 5 mg/kg foodstuff.
13. Condensation products of melamine, formaldehyde and ω-aminocaproic acid, max. 1.0 %. No more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde/dm² must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
14. Sodium and ammonium salts of copolymers of isopropyl maleate half ester (approx. 25 %), acrylic acid (approx. 16 %) and styrene (approx. 59 %), in total max. 0.5 %, based on weight of the dry paper.
15. A mixture consisting of the ammonium salt of a copolymer of styrene and maleic acid anhydride (50 : 50) with a copolymer of acrylic acid n-butyl ester and acrylonitrile (70 : 30) in the ratio of 1 : 2, max. 0.6 %, based on weight of the dry paper.
16. Ammonium salt of a copolymer of maleic acid anhydride, isopropyl maleate half ester and diisobutylene, max. 0.5 %, based on weight of the dry paper.
17. Ammonium salt of a copolymer of styrene (approx. 60 %), acrylic acid (approx. 23 %) and maleic acid (approx. 17 %), max. 0.5 %, based on weight of the dry paper.
18. Di-sodium salt of a copolymer of styrene (approx. 50 %) and maleic acid (approx. 50 %), max. 0.7 %, based on weight of the dry paper.
19. Cationic, water-soluble polyurethane, cross-linked with epichlorohydrin¹⁰, made from glycerol monostearate, toluylene diisocyanate and N-methyl diethanol amine (mean mol. wt. 100 000), max. 0.6 %, based on the dry fibres weight
or
Cationic, water-soluble polyurethanes, made from glycerol monostearate, toluylene diisocyanate and N-methyl diethanol amine (mean mol. wt. 10 000), max. 0.15 %, based on the fibres weight
or
Anionic, water-soluble polyurethanes, made from glycerol monostearate, toluylene diisocyanate, dimethylol propionic acid and N-methyl diethanol amine (mean mol. wt. 10 000), max. 0.15 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
In producing the aforementioned polyurethanes, in each case a maximum of 0.03 % dibutyl tin diacetate, based on the sizing agent, may be used; 1 dm² of sized paper must not contain more than 0.3 µg dibutyl tin diacetate. Primary aromatic amines must not be detectable in extract of the finished product.¹⁴
As preservative for the aforementioned polyurethanes, max. 0.5 % formaldehyde, based on the sizing agent, may be used.
20. Copolymer of maleic acid and dicyclopentadiene (ammonium salt), max. 2.0 mg/dm².
21. 3-Alkenyl(C₁₅-C₂₁)-dihydrofuran-2,5-dione, max. 1.0 %.
22. Cereal flour
 1. treated with acids
 2. treated with monochloroacetic acid to produce anionic cereal flour ethers (specification: sodium glycolate, max. 0.4 %; degree of substitution, max. 0.08)
 3. treated with glycidyl trimethyl ammonium chloride (specification: epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 1 mg/kg).
 4. physically modified
23. Copolymer of acrylamide and acrylic acid, cross-linked with N,N'-methylene-bis(acrylamide), max. 1.0 %
24. Copolymer of acrylamide, (2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl)trimethylammonium chloride,

¹³ Recommendation II. "Plasticizer-free polyvinyl chloride ..."

¹⁴ On the determination of primary aromatic amines in aqueous extracts see: Amtliche Sammlung von Untersuchungsverfahren nach § 64 LFGB, Method L. No. 00.00-6, "Untersuchung von Lebensmitteln - Bestimmung von primären aromatischen Aminen in wäßrigen Prüflebensmitteln".

- N,N'-methylene-bis(acrylamide) and itaconic acid, max. 1.0 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
25. Copolymer of acrylamide, (2-(methacryloyloxy)ethyl)trimethylammonium chloride, N,N'-methylene-bis(acrylamide), itaconic acid and glyoxal, max. 1.0 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
 26. Addition product of fumaric acid with colophony, cross-linked with triethanol amine, max. 4.0 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
 27. Hydroxyethyl starch
 28. Anhydrides of natural fatty acids, max. 0.2 %, based on the dry fibres weight
 29. Galactomannane phosphoric acid ester, max. 0.25 %, based on the dry fibres weight
- As emulsifier for the sizing agents, max. 0.02 % sodium-2-stearoyllactylate may be used.

II. Precipitating, fixing and parchmentisation agents:

1. Aluminium sulfate, aluminium chloride hydroxide, aluminium formate, aluminium nitrate and sodium aluminate
2. Sulfuric acid
3. Ammonia
4. Sodium carbonate, sodium hydrogen carbonate, sodium phosphate
5. Tannin
6. Condensation products of urea, dicyandiamide, melamine with formaldehyde. Extract of the finished products must contain no more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde per dm² (compare C I 2 and 3)
7. Condensation products of aromatic sulfonic acids with formaldehyde, max. 1.0 %. Extract of the finished products must contain no more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde per dm² (compare B V 8)
8. Sodium salts of ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid and diethylenetriamine pentaacetic acid and N-(2-hydroxyethyl)ethylenediamine-triacetic acid
9. Gluconic acid
10. Vinylformamide-vinylamine copolymer, max. 0.4 %
11. Polycondensate of dicyandiamide and diethylenetriamine, max. 0.45 %
12. Polyethyleneimine, modified with polyethylene glycol and epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 0.2 %
13. Choline and its salts
14. Copolymer of vinylformamide, vinylamine and acrylic acid, max. 1 %, based on the dry fibres weight

III. Retention agents:

1. Homopolymers and copolymers of
 - a) Acrylamide
 - b) Acrylic acid
 - c) (3-Acrylamidopropyl)trimethylammonium chloride
 - d) (2-(Acryloyloxy)ethyl)trimethylammonium chloride
 - e) (2-(Methacryloyloxy)ethyl)trimethylammonium chloride
 - f) (2-(Acryloyloxy)ethyl)-N-benzyl-dimethylammonium chloride
 max. 0.1 %, provided that the polymers contain no more than 0.1 % monomeric acrylamide and 0.5 % of the monomers listed under b) - f)¹⁵.

¹⁵ Hydrocarbon solvents (paraffinic, naphthenic, with a chain length from C₁₀ to C₂₀) can be used as formulating agents. These solvents must comply with the "Purity requirements for liquid paraffins" in the 155th Communication of Bundesgesundheitsblatt 25 (1982) 192. The transfer of these parts of solvents with a chain length from C₁₀ to C₁₆ from the final product (in) to the foodstuff must not exceed 12 mg/kg foodstuff (preliminary limit). For parts of solvents with a chain length from C₁₆ to C₂₀ from the final product (in) to the foodstuff may not exceed 4 mg/kg foodstuff (preliminary limit).

2. Polyethyleneimine, max. 0.5 %¹⁶ (compare B. IV. 1 and B. V. 11).
3. Cross-linked, cationic polyalkylene amines¹⁶ (compare C. I. 4) i.e.:
in total max. 4.0 %:
 - a) Polyamine-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin and diaminopropylmethylamine¹⁰
 - b) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, adipic acid, caprolactam, diethylenetriamine and/or ethylenediamine¹⁰
 - c) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from adipic acid, diethylenetriamine and epichlorohydrin or a mixture of epichlorohydrin with ammonia¹⁰
 - d) Polyamide-polyamine-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, adipic acid dimethyl ester and diethylenetriamine¹⁰
 - e) Polyamide-polyamine-dichloroethane resin, produced from 1,2-dichloroethane and an amide of adipic acid, caprolactam and diethylenetriamine
 - f) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, diethylenetriamine, adipic acid and ethyleneimine¹⁰, max. 0.5 %
 - g) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from adipic acid, diethylenetriamine and a mixture of epichlorohydrin and dimethylamine¹⁰, max. 0.2 %
 - h) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from polyepichlorohydrin, diethylenetriamine and a mixture of epichlorohydrin and dimethylamine¹⁰, max. 0.2 %
 - i) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, diethylenetriamine, adipic acid, ethyleneimine and polyethylene glycol¹⁰, max. 0.2 %
 - j) Polyamide-polyamine-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, adipic acid dimethyl ester, glutaric acid dimethyl ester and diethylenetriamine¹⁰, max. 2.0 %
 - k) Polyamide-polyamine-dichloroethane resin, produced from adipic acid, diethylenetriamine and 1,2-dichloroethane, max. 0.2 %
 - l) Polyamide-polyamine-dichloroethane resin, produced from adipic acid, diethylenetriamine, and a mixture of ethylenediamine, diethylenetriamine, triethylenetetramine, tetraethylenepentamine, pentaethylenhexamine, aminoethylpiperazine and 1,2-dichloroethane, max. 0.2 %
 - m) Polyamine-dichloroethane resin, produced from bis-(3-aminopropyl)-methylamine and 1,2-dichloroethane, max. 0.2 %
 - n) Polyamideamine-polyetheramine-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from diethylenetriamine, caprolactam, adipic acid, polyethylene glycol and epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 0.2 %
 - o) Polyamidoamine-ethyleneimine resin, produced from adipic acid, a mixture of ethylenediamine and N-(2-aminoethyl)-1,3-propylenediamine, N,N'-[bis-(3-aminopropyl)]-1,2-ethylenediamine, ethyleneimine, epichlorohydrin and polyethylene glycol¹⁰, max. 0.2 %
4. High-molecular, cationic polyamide amine, produced from triethylenetetramine and adipic acid with a content of 15 % diethylene glycol monomethyl ether (as diluting agent) or a mixture of 70 parts of this polyamide amine solution with 30 parts of sulfatised sperm oil, in each case no more than 0.2 % (calculated as polyamide amine in dry the fibre).
5. a) Mixture of
Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from adipic acid, diethylenetriamine and a mixture of epichlorohydrin and dimethylamine¹⁰, max. 0.05 %,
linear, high-molecular polyethylene oxide, max. 0.015 % and
a condensation product of xylene sulfonic acid, dihydroxydiphenylsulfone and form aldehyde (sodium and ammonium salt), max. 0.1 %
b) Mixture of
Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from adipic acid, diethylenetriamine and a mixture of epichlorohydrin and dimethylamine¹⁰, max. 0.05 %,

¹⁶ This production aid becomes firmly attached to the cellulose fibre. However, if under certain conditions of use, significant amounts of it, or its conversion products, may migrate out of the paper, appropriate testing instructions will be published at a future date.

linear, high-molecular polyethylene oxide, max. 0.015 % and a condensation product of β -naphtholsulfonic acid, phenol and formaldehyde as sodium salt, max. 0.06 %

The limits given above under a) and b) for individual components are based on dry fibres weight of the particular paper.

6. Reaction product of polyacrylamide with formaldehyde and dimethylamine¹⁷, max. 0.06 %, based on weight of the dry paper. Extract of the finished products must not contain more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde per dm².
7. Copolymer of dimethylamine and epichlorohydrin^{10, 17}, max. 0.25 %
8. Copolymer of dimethylamine ethylenediamine and epichlorohydrin^{10, 17}, max. 3 %
9. Homopolymers and copolymers of vinylformamide and vinylamine, max. 0.2 %
10. Copolymer of acrylamide and diallyldimethyl ammonium chloride, max. 0.02 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
11. Polydimethyldiallyl ammonium chloride, max. 0.15 %
12. Vinylamine-diallyldimethylammoniumchlorid-copolymer, made by Hofmann degradation of the amide groups of a acrylamid-diallyldimethylammoniumchloride copolymer, max. 0.5 % based on the dry fibres weight
13. Copolymer of acrylamid and (2-(acryloyloxy)ethyl)trimethylammonium chloride, max. 1 %, provided that the polymers contain no more than 0.1 % monomeric acrylamide and 0.05 % of (2-(acryloyloxy)ethyl)trimethylammonium chloride.
14. Reaction product of polyvinylamine with (3-acrylamidopropyl)trimethylammonium chloride, max.0.075%, based on the dry fibres weight. The content of (3-acrylamidopropyl)trimethylammonium chloride and related substances must in sum not exceed 1.25 μ g per g finished paper product.
15. Reaction product of polyvinylamine with (3-acrylamidopropyl)trimethylammonium chloride and acrylamide, max.0.2%, based on the dry fibres weight. The content of (3-acrylamidopropyl)trimethylammonium chloride and related substances must in sum not exceed 1.25 μ g per g finished paper product.

IV. Dewatering accelerators:

1. Polyethyleneimine, max. 0.5 %¹⁶ (compare B. III. 2 and B. V. 11).
2. Alkylaryl sulfonates, max. 1.0 %¹⁸.
3. Silicone-containing paraffin dispersions, provided that the silicones and paraffins comply with amended Recommendations XV¹⁹ and XXV, Part I¹², max. 0.5 % (based on dispersion dry substance)
4. Lignosulfonic acid, as well as its calcium, magnesium, sodium and ammonium salts, in total, max. 1.0 %
5. Cellulase²⁰
6. Water-glass, stabilised with 0.42 % sodium tetraborate, based on the formulation.

V. Dispersion and flotation agents:

1. Polyvinylpyrrolidone (mol. wt. min. 11 000)
2. Alkyl (C₁₀-C₂₀) sulfonates
3. Alkylaryl sulfonates (compare B. IV. 2)

¹⁷ Dimethylamine must not be detectable in the aqueous extract (detection limit: 0.002 mg/dm²). Residual monomeric acrylamide, based on the reaction product of polyacrylamide with formaldehyde and dimethylamine, must not exceed 0.1 %.

¹⁸ This production aid is washed out to the paper during manufacture.

¹⁹ Recommendation XV. "Silicones"

²⁰ There must be no detectable residual activity of this enzyme in the finished product.

4. Alkali salts of mainly linear-condensed polyphosphates. The content of cyclic-condensed metaphosphates must not exceed 8.0 %
5. Polyethylene glycol (EO = 1-20) ethers of linear and branched primary (C8-C26) alcohols, max. 0.3 mg/dm² and Polyethylene glycol (EO > 20) ethers of linear and branched primary (C8-C26) alcohols, max. 5 mg/dm²
6. Alkylphenol polyglycol ether with 6 - 12 ethylene oxide groups²¹
7. Sulfonated castor oil
8. Condensation products of aromatic sulfonic acids with formaldehyde. Extract of the finished products must contain no more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde per dm² (compare B. II. 7)
9. Lignosulfonic acid, as well as its calcium, magnesium, sodium and ammonium salts
10. Sodium lauryl sulfate

Of the production aids listed under 1. to 10. up to 1 % of each may be used, but in total no more than 3.0 %.

11. Polyethyleneimine, max. 0.5 %¹⁶ (compare B. III. 2 and B. IV. 1)
12. Sodium, polyacrylic acid, max. 0.5 %
13. Alkyl(C₁₃)polyglycol ether with 5 - 7 ethylene oxide groups and 1 - 2 terminal propylene oxide groups, max. 0.014 %
14. Citric acid
15. 1,2-Dihydroxy-C₁₂-C₁₄-alkyloxethylates, max. 1.0 %, based on the dry fibres weight
16. 2-Amino-2-methyl-1-propanol; no more than 0.25 mg/dm² must be detectable in extract of the finished product.
17. 2-Phosphonobutane-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid, max. 0.01 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
18. Polyaspartic acid, max. 0.5 %
19. Reaction product of 2-ethylhexylglycidyl ether with polyethylene glycol, max. 0.71 mg/dm²
The reaction product has to comply with the following specification:
Number average molecular weight (Mn) ≥ 9 000 daltons +/- 1 500 daltons
Weight average molecular weight (Mw) ≥ 10 000 daltons +/- 1 500 daltons
Polydispersity index (Mw/Mn) = 1.0 - 1.3
2-ethylhexylglycidyl ether must not be detectable in the final product (limit of detection: < 0.02 µg/dm² paper).
20. Polyethylene glycol ester of castor oil, max. 5 mg/dm²
21. 2-Aminoethanol, max. 0.41 mg/dm²
22. 1-Amino-2-propanol. The substance may not contain more than 10 % of 2-amino-1-propanol. The transfer into foodstuff may in sum not exceed 5 mg/kg.

VI. Defoamers:

1. Organopolysiloxanes with methyl and/or phenyl groups (silicone oil) according to Section I of Recommendation XV¹⁹. Kinematic viscosity of the silicone oils, determined according to DIN 51 562 at 20 °C, min. 100 mm² s⁻¹.
2. Triisobutylphosphate
3. Linear primary alkan-1-oles/alken-1-oles with 8-26 carbon-units(fatty alcohols), also in emulsified form²²
4. Fatty acid esters of mono and polyhydric aliphatic alcohols (C₁-C₂₂)
5. Fatty acid esters with polyethylene glycol and/or polypropylene glycol
6. Alkylsulfonamides (C₁₀-C₂₀)
7. Liquid paraffins, max. 0.1 % (for purity requirements see 155th Communication).
8. Gelatine

²¹ The restrictions of Regulation (EU) No 1907/2006 concerning Nonylphenol ethoxylate have to be obeyed.

²² Max. 2 % liquid paraffin, sodium monoalkyl-dialkylphenoxybenzene-disulfonate, max. 2 %, and a total of max. 2 % alkyl and alkyaryloxethylates and their esters with sulfuric acid (as emulsifiers) may be added to 20 - 25 % aqueous solutions of this antifoam agent. The liquid paraffins must comply with the "Purity requirements for liquid paraffins" in the 155th Communication of Bundesgesundheitsblatt 25 (1982) 192.

Of each of the production aids listed under 1. to 8. no more than 0.1 % may be used.

9. Copolymer of glycerol with ethylene oxide and propylene oxide, esterified with coconut fatty acid or oleic acid, of each max. 0.075 %
10. N,N'-Ethylene-bis-stearamide
11. Sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monostearate, polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate, each max. 10 mg/dm²
12. Sorbitan monooleate, max. 0.1 %
13. Edible oil
14. Sodium di-(2-ethylhexyl) sulfosuccinate, max. 0.001 %, based on the dry fibres weight
15. Poly-(ω -hydroxy-(polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene-propyl)methylsiloxane)-co-polydimethylsiloxane reaction product with hexamethylenediisocyanate, max. 0.0004 % based on dry fibres weight
16. Polypropylene glycol, max. 1 mg/dm²
17. Poly(ethylene propylene) glycol, max. 1 mg/dm²
18. a) 2,4,7,9-tetramethyl-5-decyne-4,7-diol
b) 3,6-dimethyl-4-octyne-3,6-diol
c) 2,5,8,11-tetramethyl-6-dodecyne-5,8-diol
The transfer of these three substances from the final product (in)to foodstuff may not exceed 0.05 mg/kg foodstuff (sum of the three substances).

VII. Slimicides:

- a) Enzymatic agents
 1. Fructose polysaccharide (levan)-hydrolase, 12.5 mg dry substance per kg paper. No more than one unit of levanase activity must be detectable.
- b) Antimicrobial agents
 1. Hydrogen peroxide, as well as peroxyacetic acid, max. 0.1 %, based on dry fibres weight.
 2. 1,4-Bis(bromoacetoxy)butene. Extract of the finished products must contain no more than 0.01 mg bromine per dm².
 3. 3,5-Dimethyl-tetrahydro-1,3,5-thiadiazine-2-thione. This substance must not be detectable in extract of the finished products.
 4. Methylene-bis-thiocyanate. This substance must not be detectable in extract of the finished products.
 5. 2-Bromo-2-nitropropane-1,3-diol, max. 0.003 %, based on dry fibres weight. This substance must not be detectable in extract of the finished product.
 6. 2,2-Dibromo-3-nitrilopropionamide, max. 0.0045 %, based on dry fibres weight. This substance must not be detectable in the extract of the finished products.
 7. 1,2-Dibromo-2,4-dicyanobutane, max. 0.005 %, based on dry fibres weight. This substance must not be detectable in extract of the finished product (detection limit of method of analysis: 0.6 μ g/dm²).
 8. Glutaraldehyde, max. 2.5 %, based on dry fibres weight. No more than 2 mg glutaraldehyde must be detectable in 1 kg of finished product.
 9. 1-Bromo-3-chloro-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, max. 0.04 %, based on dry fibres weight. No hypochlorite and hypobromite must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
 10. Didecyl dimethyl ammonium chloride, max. 0.05 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
 11. 2-(Thiocyanatomethylthio)-benzothiazole, max. 0.00045 %, based on dry fibres weight.
 12. Tetrakis(hydroxymethyl)phosponium sulfate.
The extract of the finished products must contain no more than 0.15 ppm of this substance.
 13. Ammonium bromide/sodium hypochlorite adduct or ammonium sulfate/sodium hypochlorite adduct, max. 0.02 % (active substance determined as chlorine), based on the dry fibres weight

14. Chlorine dioxide.
15. Tetrahydro-1,3,4,6-tetrakis-(hydroxymethyl)-imidazo(4,5-d)imidazole-2,5(1H,3H)-dione as formaldehyde donator system with an average ratio of formaldehyde: acetylene diurea of 3.1 : 1 to 3.5 : 1. In the extract of the finished products not more than 0.3 mg/dm², corresponding to 0.1 mg formaldehyde/dm², must be detectable²³.
16. Sodium hypochlorite, max. 0.028 %, based on the dry fibres weight²⁴.
17. Mixture of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (approx. 3 parts) and 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (approx. 1 part)²⁵. No more than 0.5 µg/dm² of the mentioned isothiazolinones in total must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
18. 1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one²⁵. No more than 10 µg/dm² of this substance must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
19. 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one²⁵. No more than 1 µg/dm² of this substance must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
20. 1,6-dihydroxy-2,5-dioxahexane, max. 0.029 %. No more than 1.0 mg/dm² of formaldehyde must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
21. Alkali-stabilised solution of hypobromite, max. 0.07 %, based on the dry fibres weight. The sodium hypobromite content of the solution is max. 10 % and the sodium sulfamate content is max. 12 %.

VIII. Preservatives:

1. Sorbic acid
2. Formic acid
3. Adduct of 70 % benzyl alcohol and 30 % formaldehyde
Extract of the finished products must contain no more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde/dm².
4. o-Phenyl phenol and its sodium and potassium salts, max. 0.01 %
5. Mixture of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (approx. 3 parts) and 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (approx. 1 part)²⁵. No more than 0.5 µg/dm² of the mentioned isothiazolinones in total must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
6. 1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one²⁵. No more than 10 µg/dm² of this substance must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
7. 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one²⁵. No more than 1 µg/dm² of this substance must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
8. Zinc pyrithione, max. 17 µg/dm²
9. N-(3-Aminopropyl)-N-dodecylpropane-1,3-diamine. No more than 10 µg/dm² of this substance must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
10. 2-Octyl-2H-isothiazol-3-one. No more than 5 µg/dm² of this substance must be detectable in the extract of the finished product.
11. 2,2'-dithiobis[N-methylbenzamide]²⁵, max. 22 µg/dm²
12. Dodecylguanidine hydrochloride, max. 0.02 % based on the dry fibres weight

²³ brief description: Tetramethylolacetylenediurea (tetramethylolglycoluril) in chemical equilibrium with trimethylolacetylenediurea, dimethylolacetylenediurea, monomethylolacetylenediurea and formaldehyde.

²⁴ For the stabilization of sodium hypochlorite 0.05 % (based on the dry fibres weight) 5,5-Dimethyl hydantoin, also in the form of the sodium salt, may be used.

²⁵ The restrictions refer to the application of these substances as slimicides and preservatives, respectively, during the manufacture of paper. Contributions from other applications (e. g. in dispersions according to Recommendation XIV or in printing inks) must comply with the restrictions laid down for these areas. In the extracts of the final products the following levels must not be exceeded in total:

Mixture of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (approx. 3 parts) and 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (approx. 1 part): 25 µg/dm²

1,2-Benzisothiazolin-3-one: 80 µg/dm²

2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one: 80 µg/dm²

2,2'-dithiobis[N-methylbenzamide] and its hydrolysis products 2-methyl-1,2-benzothiazol-3(2H)-one and 2-mercapto-N-methylbenzamide in total no more than 30 µg/dm², determined in dimethyl sulfoxide extract

The preservatives listed above must only be used in the amounts necessary to protect the raw materials (Section A), processing aids (Section B), and paper refining agents (Section C) from deterioration and decay.

C. Special Paper refining agents

The following paper refining agents may be used:

I. Wet-strength agents:

1. Glyoxal. Extract of the finished product must not contain more than 1.5 mg glyoxal per dm².
2. Urea-formaldehyde resins. Extract of the finished product must not contain more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde per dm².
3. Melamine-formaldehyde resins. Extract of the finished product must not contain more than 1.0 mg formaldehyde per dm².
4. Cross-linked, cationic polyalkylene amines^{10, 16} (compare B. III. 3.), in total max. 4.0 %:
 - a) Polyamine-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin and diaminopropyl methylamine (compare B. III. 3. a)
 - b) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, adipic acid, caprolactam, diethylenetriamine and/or ethylenediamine (compare B. III. 3. b)
 - c) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from adipic acid, diethylenetriamine and epichlorohydrin or a mixture of epichlorohydrin with ammonia (compare B. III. 3. c)
 - d) Polyamide-polyamine-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, adipic acid dimethyl ester and diethylenetriamine (compare B. III. 3. d)
 - e) Polyamide-polyamine-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, an adipic acid amide and diaminopropylmethylamine
 - f) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from epichlorohydrin, diethylenetriamine, adipic acid, ethyleneimine and polyethylene glycol, max. 0.2 %
 - g) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from bis-(3-aminopropyl)methylamine, adipic acid and epichlorohydrin, max. 1.0 %
 - h) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from bis-(3-aminopropyl)methylamine, epichlorohydrin, urea and oxalic acid, max. 1.0 %
 - i) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from diethylenetriamine, adipic acid, glutaric acid, succinic acid and epichlorohydrin
 - j) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from diethylenetriamine, triethylenetetramine, adipic acid and epichlorohydrin.
 - k) Polyamide-epichlorohydrin resin, produced from adipic acid, diethylenetriamine, aminoethylpiperazine and epichlorohydrin, max. 1.0 %. In the resin the proportion of aminoethylpiperazine in relation to adipic acid must not exceed 10 mol%.
5. Vinylformamide-vinylamine copolymer, max. 1.0 %.
6. Polyhexamethylene-1,6-diisocyanate, modified with polyethylene glycol monomethyl ether, max. 1.2 %.
7. Polyhexamethylene-1,6-diisocyanate, modified with polyethylene glycol monomethyl ether and N,N-dimethylaminoethanol, max. 1.2 %.
8. Terpolymer of acrylamide, diallyldimethyl ammonium chloride and glyoxal, max. 2 %, based on the dry fibres weight. Extract of the finished product must not contain more than 1.5 mg glyoxal per dm².
9. Copolymer of hexamethylenediamine and epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 2 %
10. Copolymer of diethylenetriamine, adipic acid, 2-aminoethanol and epichlorohydrin¹⁰,

max. 0.1 %, based on the dry fibres weight

11. Copolymer of diethylenetriamine, adipic acid, acetic acid and epichlorohydrin¹⁰, max. 2 %, based on the dry fibres weight

This copolymer must only be used in the manufacture of kitchen rolls.

12. Copolymer of vinylformamide and acrylic acid, max. 1 %, based on the dry fibres weight

13. Copolymer of acrylamide and diallylamine, max. 1.0 % based on the dry fibres weight

II. Humectants:

1. Glycerol
2. Polyethylene glycols which contain no more than 0.2 % monoethylene glycol
3. Urea
4. Sorbitol
5. Saccharose, glucose, glucose syrup
6. Sodium chloride, calcium chloride
7. Sodium nitrate, but only together with urea.

In total max 7.0 % of the substances listed above may be used.

III. Colorants and optical brighteners:

1. There must be no migration of colorants to the foodstuff. Testing is conducted according to DIN EN 646³, whereby grade 5 on the so-called grey scale must be reached.
2. Sulfonated stilbene derivatives, max. 0.3 %.

IV. Surface refining and coating agents:

1. Plastics (films, melts, solutions, laquers, dispersions), provided they comply with the prevailing requirements of food law.
2. Paraffins, microcrystalline waxes, low-molecular polyolefins and polyterpenes, provided they comply with amended Recommendation XXV¹². The second sentence of No. 1 above applies here likewise.
3. Polyvinyl alcohol (viscosity of 4 % aqueous solution at 20 °C, min. 5 cP).
4. Silicone oils with special additives after Section I, No. 3 of Recommendation XV and/or silicone resins or silicone elastomers (silicone rubber) in compliance with Sections II and III of Recommendation XV¹⁹.
5. Chromium(III)chloride complexes with saturated straight-chain fatty acids of chain length C₁₄ and longer, max. 0.4 mg/dm², based on chromium. Cold water extract of the finished product must contain no more than 0.004 mg chromium(III)/dm², while chromium (VI) must not be detectable.
6. Aluminium, calcium, sodium, potassium and ammonium salts of straight-chain aliphatic carboxylic acids of chain length C₁₂-C₂₀. These must comply with the general purity requirements (Annex I, No. 2) of the Regulation on Food Additives (Zusatzstoffverordnung).
7. Casein (compare B I No. 2) and vegetable proteins
8. The product list under B I No. 3 (starch)
9. Mannogalactanes⁷
10. Galactomannane ethers
 - 10.1 Carboxymethylgalactomannane, residual content in sodium glycolate max. 0.5 %
 - 10.2 Galactomannane, treated with 3-chloro-2-hydroxypropyl-trimethylammonium chloride or glycidyl-trimethylammonium chloride (specification: epichlorohydrin¹⁰ max.1 mg/kg, nitrogen max. 4.0 %)
11. Sodium salt of carboxymethyl cellulose, technically pure¹¹
12. Methyl cellulose⁷

13. Hydroxyethyl cellulose⁷
14. Natural and synthetically produced, insoluble mineral compounds that are harmless to health (compare A III).
15. Alginates⁷
16. Xanthane⁷
17. Ammonium zirconium carbonate, max. 1.0 mg/dm² (based on zirconium dioxide, ZrO₂)
18. Copolymer of vinyl alcohol and isopropenyl alcohol. Viscosity of 4 % aqueous solution at 20 °C, min. 5 mPa·s.
19. Basic potassium zirconium carbonate, max. 1.25 mg/dm², expressed as ZrO₂.
20. Di(hydrogenated tallow fatty acids-2-hydroxyethyl ester)dimethyl ammonium chloride, max. 0.06 %.
21. Imidazolium compounds, 2-(C₁₇- and C₁₇-unsaturated alkyl)-1-[2-(C₁₈- and C₁₈- unsaturated amido)ethyl]-4,5-dihydro-1-methyl-, methylsulfates or imidazolium compounds, 2-(C₁₇- and C₁₇-unsaturated alkyl)-1-[2-(C₁₈- and C₁₈- unsaturated amido)ethyl]-4,5-dihydro-1-ethyl-, ethylsulfates, max. 0.5 %, based on the dry fibres weight
22. Phosphoric acid ester of ethoxylated perfluoropolyetherdiol, max. 1.5 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
23. Modified polyethylene terephthalates, manufactured from polyethylene terephthalate and one or more of the following substances or substance classes: Ethylene glycol and/or diethylene glycol, trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol, C₁₆-C₂₂ fatty acids and triglycerides there of, isophthalic acid and trimellitic acid anhydride, max. 0.1 g/dm²
24. Perfluoropolyetherdicarbonic acid, ammonium salt, max. 0.5 %, based on the dry fibres weight. The correspondingly treated papers may not come into contact with aqueous and alcoholic foodstuff.
25. Copolymer with 2-diethylaminoethylmethacrylate, 2,2'-ethylendioxydiethylmethacrylate, 2-hydroxyethylmethacrylate and 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl methacrylate, acetate and/or malate, max. 1.2 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
26. 2-Propen-1-ol, reaction products with 1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6- tridecafluoro-6-iodohexane, de-hydroiodinated, reaction products with epichlorohydrin¹⁰ and triethylenetetramine with a fluorine content of 54 %, max. 0.5 %, based on the dry fibres weight
27. Copolymer of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid and polyethylene glycol methylethermono-methacrylate, sodium salt, max. 2.6 mg/dm²
28. Copolymer of 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl acrylate, 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, polyethylene glycol monoacrylate and polyethylene glycol diacrylate with a fluorine content of 35.4 %, max. 0.4 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
29. Copolymer with methacrylic acid, 2-hydroxyethylmethacrylate, polyethylene glycol monoacrylate and 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl acrylate, sodium salt with a fluorine content of 45.1 %, max. 0.8 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
30. Copolymer with methacrylic acid, 2-diethylaminoethylmethacrylate, acrylic acid and 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl methacrylate, acetate with a fluorine content of 45.1 %, max. 0.6 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
31. Copolymer of methacrylic acid, 2-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate and 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl methacrylate, acetate with a fluorine content of 44.8 %, max. 0.6 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
32. Poly(hexafluoropropylene oxide), polymer with 3-N-methylaminopropylamine, N,N-dimethyl dipropylene triamine and poly(hexamethylene diisocyanate), with a fluorine content of 59.1 %, max. 4 mg/dm²
33. Reaction product of hexamethylene-1,6-diisocyanate (homopolymer), converted with 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluoro-1-octanol with a fluorine content of 48 %, max. 0.16 %, based on the dry fibres weight.
34. Coating system consisting of (outside to inside): PVOH with unmodified Na⁺-Bentonite (layer thickness min. 1 µm), LDPE (layer thickness min. 13 µm) and a metallised PE layer (layer thickness min. 14.9 µm). Bentonite may be used, max. 10 % based on the PVOH.

35. Copolymer of 2-dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate and 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl methacrylate, N-oxide, acetate, with a fluorine content of 45 %, max. 4 mg/dm²
36. Polyethylene waxes, oxidised, max. 10 mg/dm²
37. Copolymer of dimethyl terephthalate, ethylene glycol, propane-1,2-diol, pentaerythritol, polyethylene glycol and polyethylene glycol monomethyl ether with a terephthalic acid content of 24 %, max. 0.05 mg/dm²
38. Copolymer with 2-hydroxyethylmethacrylate, methacrylic acid, itaconic acid and 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl methacrylate, sodium salt, max. 24 mg/dm².
39. Copolymer with 2-hydroxyethylmethacrylate, vinyl pyrrolidone, acrylic acid and 3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl acrylate, sodium salt, with a fluorine content of 41.9 %, max. 1.0 %, based on the dry fibres weight
40. Konjac⁷, max. 0.3 %, based on the dry fibres weight

Annex to recommendation XXXVI

Preconditions for the use of recycled fibres as raw materials for the production of paper

Generally products made from recycled fibres have to comply with all other requirements of recommendation XXXVI.

Substances, such as ingredients of printing inks or adhesives, which can be in the recovered paper used as raw material have to comply with additional requirements. Regarding conformity with the rules of the Good Manufacturing Practice the possible presence of these substances, depending on the use of the papers and boards manufactured from recycled fibers, has to be considered by a careful selection of the grade of recycled paper²⁶ and the use of suitable cleaning methods.

Moreover, with regards to the compliance with the requirements laid down in article 3 of regulation 1935/2004/EC, particular care has to be taken with the analytics of products with respect to the possible migration of substances of health-concern into foodstuffs. According to the current state of knowledge, known substances which may be introduced by paper recycling and require specific inspections are listed below. Content and migration of these substances into foodstuffs respectively have to comply with the specified limits.

Substance	Content in finished paper	Migration into foodstuff or simulant
4,4'-Bis(dimethylamino)-benzophenone*		ND (DL 0.01 mg/kg)
Phthalates Diethylhexyl phthalate Di-n-butyl phthalate Diisobutyl phthalate		Max. 1.5 mg/kg Max. 0.3 mg/kg Max. 0.3 mg/kg The sum of Di-n-butyl phthalate und Diisobutyl phthalate must not exceed 0.3 mg/kg.
Benzophenone		Max. 0.6 mg/kg
Bisphenol A*		Max. 0.24 mg/kg
Diisopropylnaphthalene	As low as technically feasible	

* Verification of the specifications is only required if the finished products are intended for use with moist and fatty foodstuffs.

For dry, non-fatty foodstuffs having a large surface area (e.g. flour, semolina, rice, breakfast cereals, breadcrumbs, sugar and salt), migration of volatile and hydrophobic substances via the gas phase has to be considered particularly. This could be compensated by the use of an appropriate additional packaging.

²⁶ Exempt are however sort 5.01 (Mixed recovered paper and board; compare European list of standard grades of recovered paper and board, DIN EN 643) and paper and paperboard from sorting plants for general or mixed component waste.