

To Whom it may concern,

QF 6.2 A - FOOD SAFETY STATEMENT

We declare that:

- All your labels are manufactured under full & certificated BRCGS conditions to the UKAS ISO9001:2015 quality standard and we commit to maintaining these accreditations. Copies of our current certificates are available on request at any time.
- 2) All food labels currently supplied to you use Paper and Plastics (PE/ PET / PP / Vinyl) with zero (0%) recycled material content within it, have been manufactured and produced in line with the requirements of the BRCGS (British Retail Consortium Global Standard) Packaging and Packaging Materials Standard Issue 6.
- 3) All digitally printed labels are made using Xeikon dry toner electrophotographic inks which are FDA accredited for indirect food packaging use and direct food packaging use for dry non fatty foodstuffs. I attached a copy of relevant OEM statements from Xeikon. This is the safest food grade ink technology in the marketplace and is widely accepted globally as being food safe. Whilst you may choose to do so, in my opinion it may not be justifiable to invest in conducting your own migration testing when using this technology as there is no identifiable concern with Xeikon dry toner inks you should be aware of for food labelling, and the product is as safe as it can be.
- 4) All flexographically printed or varnished labels are printed using UV cured inks which are not recommended for direct food contact, but are widely used for indirect food contact applications where there are functional barriers such as various plastics and papers used in packaging and shelf times are relatively short. As such we give no standard warranty for such use as we have not done any testing specific to your unique applications. The only way to be 100% guarantee there is no risk whatsoever is for you to commission your own independent testing of your product construction, with simulant foodstuffs that identify the worst case composition for your customer's applications, for unreasonably long timescales etc. We recommend that you consider conducting your own migration testing before choosing to use labels printed with UV cured inks and varnishes if you wish to be completely confident that they are suitable for your applications.

Yours sincerely

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