

Intertek Assuris

Global Food Contact Regulation Compliance



We apply an integrated approach to help customers achieve local, regional and international compliance with food contact regulations.

Your Partner in Achieving Compliance with Global Food Contact Regulations

Intertek's team of food contact regulatory professionals assist customers with food contact testing for compliance and for new products/additives submission to the Regulatory authorities for evaluation. Using our extensive experience in understanding food contact regulations, we develop cost-effective, strategic approaches in new market introduction which can help accelerate speed to market for your products and protect your brand. We provide consulting services, exposure assessments, risk assessments, analytical support, and certification.

Intertek offers comprehensive regulatory support for all aspects of food contact substance regulation:

- Customized global strategy for food contact notifications and compliance of final articles
- Guidance for interpretation of current legislation and regulation worldwide based on decades of experience
- Preparation of food contact dossier submissions and notifications for the European Union (EFSA), USA (FDA), Japan (JHOSPA), South America (MERCOSUR), China, and other countries
- Preparation of opinion letters to the United States FDA on food contact compliance status
- Established and cooperative relationships with international agencies and ability to liaise with worldwide regulatory agencies on the customer's behalf
- Customized analytical testing to provide high quality data to support the food contact documentation

Our services

Intertek is a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide. Our network of more than 1,000 laboratories and offices in more than 100 countries, delivers innovative and bespoke Assurance, Testing, Inspection and Certification solutions for our customers' operations and supply chains. Intertek Total Quality Assurance expertise, delivered consistently with precision, pace and passion, enabling our customers to power ahead safely.

The challenge

Food contact materials are any substance, material or article that is intended to come into contact with food during production (i.e. machines and conveyor belts), storage (i.e. containers), and serving (i.e. plates, bowls, filters and utensils). Because food is in intimate contact with these materials, substances contained within the food contact material can potentially migrate into the food. Therefore, regulations exist so that manufacturers and producers select materials that ensure food safety. Intertek provides expert guidance to companies that supply food contact materials so that your products maintain compliance with current food contact regulations and remain in market.

Our solutions

Intertek's team of expert consultants and scientists work together to design and implement testing protocols that evaluate your food contact materials. Based on existing regulations, we can provide quantitative measurements of regulated compounds in food contact materials for both compliance and new product introduction in food contact applications.

Specific areas of expertise include:

- In-polymer analysis
- Residual monomer analysis
- Analytical method/protocol design & development
- EN1186 overall migration testing according to the test conditions specified in Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food
- EN13130 specific migration testing according to the test conditions specified in Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food
 - Non Intentionally Added Substances (NIAS) – Risk assessment and testing according to article 19 in Commission

Regulation (EU) 10/2011 and article 3 in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food

- China GB 4806 & GB 31604 series of tests
- Testing performed against United States FDA 21 CFR and Preparation of Food Contact Notifications testing protocols

Contact notifications & EFSA dossier

- Design and implementation of migration testing protocols, dossier preparations and full notification programs according to the regulatory requirements for each territory. Dossier submissions for substance to be included in positive list of European Plastics Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 and included in the list for the United States FDA Food Contact Notifications.
- Impurity profiling
- Complex formulation identification
- Extractables and leachables determination
- Safety risk assessments
- Toxicity testing/ evaluation
- Environmental assessments

Global food contact petitions and notifications

- We assist clients with product notifications in Europe, Japan, Canada, South America, Australia, Switzerland, China, Philippines, South Korea and other countries in the most efficient way
- Submissions for the Japanese market (JHOSPA)
- Petitions of new food contact polymer/additive in China

Third party representative

Acting as a third party in the supply chain, we will coordinate information between business partners, evaluate formulations given to Intertek Regulatory Services under Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA), and ensure compliance of the evaluated products.

Global regulatory compliance

Intertek provides evaluation and testing programs that span the entire food contact materials in the supply chain followed by a detailed statement on compliance. We have in-depth knowledge of the applicable legislation and regulations governing materials and articles in contact with food and/or consumer products in North America, Europe, and other jurisdictions around the world.

Sustainability services

- FDA No Objection Letter submissions for recycled plastics
- Life cycle analysis
- Challenge test
- Safe Use Assessment for safe use of recycled materials in the market

Regulatory agency interaction

Our expert knowledge of the relevant legislations worldwide for food contact is a key resource to material approval and for commercialization into each market. Our widespread geographic presence and decades of regulatory experience have allowed us to create collaborative relationships with agencies around the world, enabling highly efficient regulatory pathways.

Educational services

- Education for your employees on regulations relevant to your business
- Customized training courses conducted by experts (in-house or on-site training)
- Regulatory newsletters

Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)

- GMP support adapted to various food contact industry sectors
- Optimized/established quality assurance system
- Employee training



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