Colombia Issues New Requirements on Utensils, Tableware and Kitchenware

The Challenge:

Colombian government has published Resolution No.1900 pertaining to the requirements on glass and glass-ceramic utensils, ceramic cooking utensils in contact with foodstuffs, and ceramic institutional tableware and kitchenware, manufactured or imported for marketing in Colombia.

The Resolution became effective on March 22, 2009.

The following Colombian Technical Standards should be carried out in order to obtain the Certificate of Conformity:

- NTC 3536 of 19 May 1993, regulation equivalent to ISO-7086-1 and ISO 7086-2 of 1982
- NTC 3537 of 21 May 1993, regulation equivalent to ISO-8391-1 and ISO 8391-2 of 1986

Labelling:

A legible label with the following information in Spanish shall be placed in a visible place and be available at the time of marketing to the final consumer:

- Country of origin
- Name of manufacturer and/or importer

In addition, retail outlets should have the following public notice on permanent display in Spanish:

“Utensils made from glass and glass-ceramic in contact with foodstuffs, ceramic kitchen utensils in contact with foodstuffs and ceramic institutional tableware and kitchenware which are sold at this retail outlet meet the requirements established by the National Government to prevent poisoning caused by the release of Lead and Cadmium.”

The Solution:

Intertek is a global market leader in providing testing and inspection services for all kinds of consumer goods. We are committed to help our clients assess and reduce any hazards associated with their products before they are marketed - incorporating product safety into every facet of the supply chain.

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