



European Commission Publishes Amendment of Plastic Food Contacting Articles Regulation EU No 10/2011

On Dec 10, 2011, European Commission has published a regulation EU No 1282/2011 in the Official Journal of the European Union, which aims to amend the EU food contacting regulation EU No 10/2011. With effective from **Dec 30, 2011**, plastic materials and articles comes into contact with food stuff are required to comply with the new amendment.

The Challenge

The major amendments mentioned in EU No 1282/2011 are listed below:

- Includes 15 new substances in Table 1 listed in the Annex I of EU No 10/2011
- Amends 8 existing authorized substances in Table 1 listed in the Annex I of EU No 10/2011
- Amends the limit of **specific migration of melamine** from 30mg/kg to **2.5 mg/kg**

Plastic materials and articles which have been lawfully placed on the market before Jan 1, 2012 and which do not comply with this Regulation may continue to be placed on the market until Jan 1, 2013.

The Solution

Intertek has developed precise analytical methods in verifying the specific migration of melamine, heavy metals and global migration as laid down in Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.

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