

# GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE (GMP) FOR FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS

## REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

**GMP ensures that materials and articles intended for food contact are being consistently produced and controlled to achieve compliance with applicable rules and standards.**



With the right quality assurance measures and documentation in place, companies can assure that their products are fit for its intended use and do not endanger human health or cause unacceptable changes in the composition or organoleptic properties of food.

### Regulatory Background

Legally binding regulations specifically requiring Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) in the production of food contact materials are in force in the EU, U.S., and China.

- EU - European Commission **Regulation (EC) No. 2023/2006** "On good manufacturing practice for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food"
- EU - **Regulation (EC) No 282/2008** "On recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foods" amending Reg. (EC) No. 2023/2006
- USA - **FDA Title 21 CFR 174.5** "General provisions applicable to indirect food additives"
- China - National Standard for Food Safety **GB 31603-2015** "General Hygienic Specifications for Production of Food Contact Materials and Articles"

Some countries have framework regulations for food contact materials which set general criteria around food contact materials and packaging safety, and often requires GMP to be in place.

- Japan - Guideline for safety assurance in the manufacture of food utensils, containers and packaging based on the **Food Sanitation Act (ACT No. 233 of 1947)**
- Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay (July 2019)) - **Resolution GMC Res. 3/92** - "General Criteria of Packaging and Food Equipment in Contact with Foods"

### GMP Services

GMP regulations apply to different stages of the supply chain, and the rules that govern each industry may vary. Intertek Health, Environmental & Regulatory Services (HERS) experts use an integrated approach to help customers achieve global GMP compliance.

#### Our services include:


- Regulatory training
- Review and assessment of processes and facilities from the perspective of product safety
- Review and assessment of quality assurance systems and relevant documentation

- On-site inspections incorporating feedback and recommendations
- Tailored checklists to ensure supplier compliance
- Support in internal as well as supplier production plan control
- Support with product compliance assessments

### The Intertek Advantage

Intertek is a leading Total Quality Assurance provider to industries worldwide. Our network of more than 1,000 laboratories and offices and over 44,000 people 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.

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