

Food Contact Regulation (EC) No. 1935/2004

Full title

Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2004 on materials and objects intended to come into contact with food and repealing Directives 80/590/EEC and 89/109/EEC

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Scope

(Article 1(1) and (2) and Article 2)

This Regulation aims to ensure the effective functioning of the internal market regarding the placing on the market in the Community of materials and articles intended to come into direct or indirect contact with food, and also to provide the basis for achieving a high level of protection human health and consumer interests.

This Regulation applies to materials and articles, including active ones and intelligent food contact materials and objects (hereinafter referred to as 'materials and objects') which in their finished state:

- a) are intended to come into contact with food,
 - b) are already in contact with food and are intended for that purpose, or
 - c) can be reasonably expected under normal or foreseeable use with foodstuffs come into contact with or release their constituents into foodstuffs.
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For the purposes of this Regulation the following definitions apply:

- 'active materials and objects that come into contact with food' ('active materials and objects'): materials and objects that are intended to extend their shelf life to prolong or maintain or improve the condition of packaged foodstuffs. They are designed in such a way that they deliberately contain components that release substances to or absorb from the packaged food or its environment;
- 'intelligent materials and objects that come into contact with food' ('intelligent materials and objects'): materials and objects that determine the state of packaged foodstuffs or their surroundings.

Exceptions

(Article 1(3))

This regulation does not apply to:

- a) materials and objects supplied as antiques;
- b) covering or encapsulating materials, such as materials for covering cheese rinds, prepared meats or fruit, form one whole with the food and possibly together consumed with those foods;
- c) public or private fixed water distribution installations.

Symbols

(Article 15 and Annex II)

Materials and objects intended to come into contact with food must be marked by the manufacturer. He can choose from several markings, such as the following symbol:



Comments

An amendment has been published to the text of the Food Contact Regulation. The latest consolidated version can be found on the EUR-Lex site.
