

## EUROPE



### Joint Research Centre published Baseline Study

Joint Research Centre (JRC) presents baseline study on European national legislations for non-harmonized food contact materials.

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### New Amendment on Food Contact Plastic Materials Regulation

On 28 April 2017, EU commission issued Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/752 amending and correcting Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. Plastic materials and articles complying with Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 before the entry into force of this regulation may be placed on the market until 19 May 2018.

Some of the changes:

1. Table 1 of Annex I has been amended
2. Nickel requirement added in Annex II, point 1
  - Nickel = 0,02 mg/kg food or food simulant
  - Effective date for this requirement: 19 May 2019
3. Replace point 4 of Annex III (Food simulant assignment for testing overall migration) by Table 3.

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### EU-Commission plans to issue a Printing-Ink-Regulation in 2018 based on pre-work done by Germany

Click [here](#) for getting the SUMMARY of the TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP FOR FOOD CONTACT MATERIALS

## GERMANY



### German government presents new draft of mineral ordinance

The German government published a new draft of the 22<sup>nd</sup> amendment of the national ordinance on consumer articles (“Bedarfsgegenständeverordnung”) on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The ordinance provides a specific migration limit (SML) of 0.5 mg/kg food for mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH) and recommends the introduction of functional barriers to reduce the migration of chemicals from recycled paper and board used in contact with food.

Click [here](#) for getting the Ordinance (in German).

## SWITZERLAND

### Detailed explanation of the new Swiss Food Contact Regulation

Switzerland issued a summary of recent changes in their national Commodities Ordinance.

For a detailed summary of the changes click [here](#).

## CHINA



### Chinese National Standards for Food Contact Materials and Products Came into force

requirements (GB 4806.1-2016) in last November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Among these 53 Standards for Food Contact Materials and Products, nine product standards applying to enamel, ceramic, glass, plastic resin, plastic, paper and paperboard, metal, paints and coating and rubber are as follows:

- GB 4806.3-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Enamel Ware;
- GB 4806.4-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Ceramic Ware;
- GB 4806.5-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Glassware;
- GB 4806.6-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Plastic Resin for Food Contact;
- GB 4806.7-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Plastic Food Contact Materials and Articles;
- GB 4806.8-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Paper and Paperboard Food Contact Materials and Articles;
- GB 4806.9-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Metal Food Contact Materials and Articles;
- GB 4806.10-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Paints and Coatings for Food Contact;
- GB 4806.11-2016 National Food Safety Standard – Rubber Food Contact Materials and Articles
- These nine product standards have been effective on April 19th, 2017.

2017.

Click [here](#) for more information (Chinese only)

## JAPAN

### Plan to review Food Utensils, Containers and Packaging Regulation

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Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) launched, on 17 March 2017, a consultation in order to amend the regulation for food utensils, containers and packaging.

MHLW's intention is to introduce the same approach as the European Union and the United States with regards to developing positive list systems to regulate chemical substances used in food utensils, containers and packaging.

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