



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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European Union (EU): Changes to Requirements for Packaging Materials in Contact with Food.

Attention	Industries	Industry bodies – AMIC, MLA, AUS-MEAT, KIAA, AOA, EIFA, AFGC, Dairy Industry, OISCC, AHBIC Export Establishments Licensed exporters	
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The purpose of this Market Access Advice is to make Australian exporters aware of a change to requirements for packaging materials in contact with food for export to the European Union (EU).

The EU is amending Commission Regulation (EU) 10/2011 (EC 10/2011). The amendment relates to the specific migration limit (SML) for bisphenol (BPA) in plastic and coated/varnished packaging materials in contact with food.

The SML for BPA has been reduced from 0.6mg/kg of food (as per EC 10/2011) to 0.05mg/kg of food. Any packaging material that is in contact with food for export to the EU will be required to be below this limit. All other requirements outlined in EC 10/2011 remain in place.

The proposed date of adoption is September 2016. However there will be a 6-month grace period for compliance, once adopted. The department advises exporters to contact their providers of packaging materials to ensure they continue to comply with EU requirements for BPA.

This advice has been prepared in consultation with industry.

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