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The products manufactured by the company mentioned above are representative cross-sections of the corrugated boards of the production program of Progroup Board GmbH which are used for food packaging.

They were examined by us under consideration of the

BfR-„Methodensammlung zur Untersuchung von Papier, Karton und Pappe für den Lebensmittelkontakt“, aktueller Stand, in Verbindung mit dem BfR-Leitfaden "Untersuchung der Stoffübergänge von Bedarfsgegenständen aus Papier, Karton und Pappe" vom 28.09.2023,

(BfR "Collection of methods for the examination of paper and board for food contact", current status, in connection with the BfR guideline "Testing of substance transfers from consumer articles made of paper, cardboard and paperboard", as of 28 September 2023),

as well as of the

Technical guide on paper and board used in food contact materials and articles, as of 2021, for the used raw materials, fabrication additives and special paper finishing agents as well as for the release of substances which might endanger health.

Furthermore, the corrugated board grades were examined for the heavy metals content according to the

Directive 94/62/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 1994, on packaging and packaging waste, Official Journal of the European Communities L 365/10 of 31 December 1994, last amendment by the Directive (EU) 2018/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018, Official Journal of the European Union L 150/141 of 14 June 2018,

and to the requirements of the

Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, Official Journal of the European Union L 174/88 of 1 July 2011, last amendment by Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2024/232 of 25 October 2023, Official Journal of the European Union L 2024/232 of 10 January 2024.

Thus, the corrugated board grades are in compliance with the rules of the

Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and repealing Directives 80/590/EEC and 89/109/EEC, Official Journal of the European Union L 338/4 of 13.11.2004, lastly modified by article 5 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/1381 of 20 June 2019, Official Journal of the European Union L 231/1 of 6 September 2019, article 3, 1. (a) and (b),

as well as of the

Lebensmittel-, Bedarfsgegenstände- und Futtermittelgesetzbuches (Lebensmittel- und Futtermittelgesetzbuch - LFGB) in der Fassung der Bekanntmachung vom 15. September 2021 (BGBl. I S. 4253; 2022 I S. 28), zuletzt geändert durch Artikel 11 des Gesetzes vom 6. Mai 2024 (BGBl. 2024 I Nr. 149), §§ 30 und 31,

(Foodstuffs, Consumer Goods and Animal Feed Code (Foodstuffs and Animal Feed Code - LFGB) in the version of the notification of 15 September 2021 (BGBl. I. p. 4253; 2022 I p.28), last amended by article 11 of the act of 6 May 2024 (BGBl. 2024 I no. 149), §§ 30 and 31),

and are approved according to the

BfR-Empfehlung XXXVI. Papiere, Kartons und Pappen für den Lebensmittelkontakt, neu-gefasst durch 62. Mitteilung, Bundesgesundheitsblatt 14 (1971) 83, zuletzt geändert durch 227. Mitteilung, Bundesgesundheitsblatt 67 (2024) 968-970, Stand vom 01.08.2024,

(BfR Recommendation XXXVI. Paper and board for food contact, recasted by 62nd Announcement, Bundesgesundheitsblatt 14 (1971) 83, last amended by 227th Announcement, Bundesgesundheitsblatt 67 (2024) 968-970, as of 1 August 2024).

The demands of the

Council of Europe Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 on the safety and quality of materials and articles for contact with food of 7 October 2020, sections 3.1 and 3.3,

as well as of the supplementary

Technical guide on paper and board used in food contact materials and articles, as of 2021, are met by the corrugated board grades.

Furthermore, they are in compliance with the

Directive 94/62/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 1994, on packaging and packaging waste, Official Journal of the European Communities L 365/10 of 31 December 1994, last amendment by the Directive (EU) 2018/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018, Official Journal of the European Union L 150/141 of 14 June 2018,

regarding the heavy metals content and the

Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, Official Journal of the European Union L 174/88 of 1 July 2011, last amendment by Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2024/232 of 25 October 2023, Official Journal of the European Union L 2024/232 of 10 January 2024.

concerning the prohibited contents.

Thus the **Progroup Board Corrugated boards** according to the sample material submitted may be used safely for food packaging. They may stand in direct contact with dry, non-fatty foodstuffs and such kind of foodstuffs which are peeled, shelled or washed before consumption and may also be used for secondary packaging. For dry, non-fatty foodstuffs with large surfaces, the migration of volatile and hydrophobic substances via the gas phase has to be considered particularly. This could be ensured by the use of an appropriate intermediate packaging.

The corrugated board grades do not fall within the scope of

Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC,

as the products are no chemicals (substances or preparations) according to the definitions of article 3, but they are articles. Consequently, a registration under REACH is not necessary for them.

Nevertheless, Article 33 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 requires suppliers of articles to at least name substances of very high concern which are present in the product in a concentration above 0.1%.

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