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Expert Statement on the safety for indirect food contact particularly of coatings for shop fittings in the food processing and/or grocery sectors

(Statement in the context of OFI Order No 1901446)

Dear Dr Jochum,

the components of the formulation used in the ***Legno-Öl farblos*** coating system have been evaluated on the basis of national and international assessment regulations for varnishes and coatings (see Section 3 of OFI Expert Opinion No 1901446). In this context, ingredients for which specific migration limits exist have been identified, as well as ingredients that should not be detectable in the final product; these data have been used as a basis for the subsequent experimental tests with regard to the migration behaviour of ingredients (see OFI Test Report No 1901446-1).

The ***Legno-Öl farblos*** coating system – in the composition disclosed and under the condition of proper processing – is considered as an admissible material in accordance with Art. 16 of the Austrian Federal Act on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (LMSVG) for the purpose of use described below.

In addition, the test results regarding the migration behaviour of the coating system show that those ingredients that have been identified have, without exception been detected in concentrations considerably below the applicable specific migration limit.

With regard to the LMSVG, use of this product as a coating for shop fittings in the food processing and/or grocery sectors (indirect food contact through air in the room) is thus regarded as safe provided that it is produced in consistent and perfect quality and processed in a way suitable for the intended purpose, so that it does not adversely affect, neither directly nor indirectly, any food that could temporarily be in contact with the coated surfaces.

Any statements given shall only apply to the product mentioned, in the composition disclosed. Any change in the formulation shall be communicated to OFI immediately.

In accordance with Art. 17 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002, food business operators shall ensure by means of self-checks that their products satisfy the requirements of food law and verify that such requirements are met. If necessary, they shall take appropriate measures to remedy any shortcomings or minimise risks. In addition, they shall ensure traceability of their products at all stages of production, processing and distribution within the meaning of Art. 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004.

The Expert Opinion drawn up in the context of OFI Order 1901446, as well as this Expert Statement derived from it, are based on OFI's authorisation by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health and Women, in accordance with Section 73 of the LMSVG.
With regard to Section 17(2) of the LMSVG, the validity of the Expert Opinion shall be limited to 5 years. In the case of changes in general conditions that are relevant for the quality of the product in question (e.g. material composition), changes in relevant legislation and/or new risk assessments by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the Expert Opinion shall no longer be valid.

Yours



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Please note: The original of this Expert Statement has been drawn up in German. The German version shall be the authentic one and prevail over the English one in all matters of interpretation and construction. The English version shall be deemed to be only a translation for information purposes.