Hubergroup Leads In Product Safety

Recent media reports in India about safety in food packaging have once again revived the discussion on use of Toluene in printing inks. Use of Toluene and some other additives like Phthalates in printing inks for food packaging may come under prohibition in future. This decision shall have implications on some of the ink systems being currently used in India.

As a market leader, Hubergroup has been proactively promoting not just safe inks but also the awareness about safety in packaging, especially for food packaging. Three years ago, we launched a full palette of our Gecko range of inks for Flexo/Gravure application, followed by launch of our MGA range of Low Migration Inks for folding cartons.

Gecko inks are not only toluene free; these inks are designed to comply with latest global regulatory norms. The inks are manufactured under strict GMP, following strict controls on raw material selection, sourcing and storage. Migration limits are set well below the norms set out in the global regulations (like Swiss Ordinance and Nestle Guidelines). Our Product Safety department keeps track of ever evolving regulatory requirements globally to ensure compliance.

Hubergroup offers full range of Toluene free and 'regulation compliant' inks suitable for a broad range of machine applications (Flexo/Gravure), almost all types of substrates; for surface printing as well as lamination. These inks are fully proven and many of our customers have been using these inks for a long time now.

We are already actively engaged with customers and brand owners in India to create awareness and provide support in establishing toluene free inks. Our colleagues in sales function are available for further discussions and clarification.

Hubergroup remains fully committed to Product Safety and offers it best products and services

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