Statement

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Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste (PPWR): paperboard

Holmen Board and Paper acts to meet all the relevant requirements of Regulation (EU) 2025/40 on packaging and packaging waste (repealing Directive 94/62/EC) and its subsequent amendments set for the suppliers of packaging materials.

All our plain paperboard meets the relevant requirements listed in Article 5 regarding the substances of concern as constituents of packaging materials:
- Heavy metals as lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium are not added intentionally in paperboard manufactured by Holmen Board and Paper. Very small amounts of heavy metals might be present as trace elements derived from wood and chemical additives; the sum of lead, cadmium, mercury and hexavalent chromium in the paperboard is less than 100 mg/kg.
- The level of the hazardous substances which primarily affect human health or the environment as defined in Regulation (EC) 1907/2006 is less than 0.1%.
- In the manufacturing of pulp and paperboard, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances* are not used as processing chemicals or additives. Total fluorine content in our paperboard is normally <10 mg fluorine/1 kg material, and is below the indicator value 50 mg/kg material. We can therefore ensure that fluorinated substances have not been added to our products.

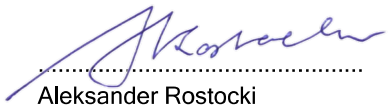
Various grades of paperboard manufactured by Holmen Board and Paper have been tested according to the CEPI Recyclability Test Method - Standard Paper Mill Version 2, October 2022. This is a harmonised European laboratory test method generating parameters enabling the assessment of the recyclability of paper and board products for standard paper and board recycling mills. The test results were evaluated in the Recyclability Evaluation Protocol's scorecard developed by 4evergreen for calculation of the recyclability score. Paperboard received a total score between 94 and 100: the yield score was between 99 and 100, no sheet adhesion and macro-stickies were observed, small visual impurities were detected. The total score between 0 and 100 means that material is suitable for a standard recycling mill. The yield score between 90-100 indicates that the packaging material is expected not to pose any repulpability issues and it is considered Best in Class.

In the areas of the product development, marketing, sales and technical service, fitness for the intended use is given priority to ensure that the main purposes and functions are fulfilled with a minimum of material. In the area of transport packaging the demand for prevention by source reduction is applicable and fulfilled by supplier requirements.

Our paperboard falls within the category No 2 indicating the nature of the packaging material as listed in the Annex II Table 1 of this Regulation.

*Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances are defined as fluorinated substances that contain at least one fully fluorinated methyl or methylene carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I atom attached to it), i.e. with a few noted exceptions, any chemical with at least a perfluorinated methyl group (-CF3) or a perfluorinated methylene group (-CF2-). (Ref. OECD)

This statement is prepared and assured by the Product Safety Manager at Holmen Board and Paper. The information provided herein is based on the material analysis results at internal or external laboratories and/or on the declarations made by the chemical suppliers. It is accurate to our current knowledge.



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