



STATEMENT OF CONTENT AND MANUFACTURING

- Only Zespri (ZIL) approved packaging componentry is permitted for use.
- Any change to material stock must be approved by ZIL and may BE REQUIRED to undergo trialling before being approved for supply.
- Packaging suppliers shall ensure that all materials used for packaging, including glue and inks meet the appropriate international standards for direct and indirect food contact.
- Manufacturers shall supply ZIL with a material specification for the packaging component supplied (annually). The specification will state that the material is USFDA and EU approved for direct or indirect food contact (depending on the component being supplied).
- All packaging components that come into direct contact with food require compliance to USFDA Chapter 21 and EC Regulation No. 1935/2004 EU regulation 10/2011.
- Suppliers shall confirm annually to the ZIL Global Packaging Manager, the name and location of the company responsible for manufacturing the packaging component supplied.
- Suppliers shall confirm annually to the ZIL Global Packaging Manager any certifications held by the production plants e.g. BRC, ISO14000.

Direct Food Contact

Pocket Packs
Polyliners/ Polybags
Fruit Labels
Foam Socks

Indirect Food Contact

Corrugated Packaging
Strapping
EAN / Overlabels / Pallet Cards
V-boards
Pallet cards
Pallets

GENERAL

- The graphics for all ZIL packaging and componentry shall be approved in writing annually by the ZIL Global Packaging Manager.
- All materials used for packaging/palletising shall have a unique manufacturer's identification on each component as approved by ZIL. Any exclusion from this requirement shall receive prior written approval from the ZIL Global Packaging Manager.
- All packaging and packaging components shall be 100% recyclable and display the approved international recycling logo, RESY, including the RESY license number on each unit.
- Where packaging componentry is supplied to packhouses on pallets to be used for export within the kiwifruit industry, the supplier must ensure that those pallets meet the IPPC standards and are sourced from Zespri approved suppliers.

TRANSPORT, STORAGE & HYGIENE OF PACKAGING

- Transport all materials, in shock form or assembled, in a manner to avoid damage, deterioration or contamination.
- Packaging shall be stored in a manner to avoid damage and deterioration, i.e. not in direct contact with the ground in an environment free from dirt, dust, rain, sunlight and extreme temperature variation.
- Cardboard components shall be stored in a low humidity environment.
- Wood based components shall be held in a covered area well protected from sun, rain and dirt. Storage conditions must provide adequate ventilation, good airflow and a low humidity environment. **A closed coolstore is not a suitable environment.**
- Prior to the delivery of stored packaging components, the supplier shall:
 - inspect packaging to ensure that the standard of presentation and condition meets ZIL specifications,
- Any material with a strong odour shall not be used or stored in the confines of other kiwifruit packaging.