

PACKAGING COMPLIANCE TO EU, USFDA & GB CHINA REGULATIONS (European Union / US Food & Drug Administration)

Zespri International Limited (Zespri) confirms to the best of its knowledge and belief that all packaging, including glue and inks, used for the purpose of packing and labelling Zespri branded kiwifruit meets to EU, USFDA and GB China regulations for either direct or indirect food contact dependent on the packaging component in question.

Zespri approves all suppliers of packaging componentry for kiwifruit supplied to Zespri. Approved suppliers are required to supply Zespri annually with a material specification for the packaging component supplied. During the annual supplier registration process proof of compliance to all relevant food safety regulations is collated and filed.

DIRECT FOOD CONTACT

Manufacturers are required to annually supply Zespri with a material specification stating that the material used in the production of componentry/labels are EU, USFDA, and GB China approved for direct food contact.

- EU Regulation EC No. 1935/2004 Materials and Articles intended to come in contact with food
- EU Regulation EU 10/2011 and amendment EC No. 2020/1245 Plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.
- USFDA CFR Title 21, Chapter 1 Subchapter B. Materials comply with USFDA direct food contact regulations that are specific to the materials being used.
- GB 9685-2016 (China) Standard for the Use of Additives in Food Contact Materials and Articles.
- Made in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practice;

Fruit Labels

Materials, adhesives and inks used in individual fruit labels must comply with relevant current international regulations for contact with food, in particular those contained in:

Food safety:

- USFDA Code of Federal Regulations [21 CFR 175.125(b)] Direct Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings.
- GB 4806.6-2016 National Food Safety Standard-Plastic Resin used in Food-contact (Paper and Plastic labels)
- GB 4806.7-2016 (China) Food Contact Plastic Materials and Products (Plastic labels).
- GB 4806.8-2016 (China) Food Contact Paper and Board Materials and Their Products. (Paper labels)

Other requirements:

 EU Regulation 907/2004 "Stickers individually affixed to produce shall be such as when removed, neither to leave visible traces of glue, nor lead to skin defects."

Inks used are:

- Compliant with the CEPE Exclusions List (European Council of Paint, Printing Ink and Artists' Colours Industry);
- Formulated so as when independently tested by expert laboratories, such inks present no significant risk to health, even if the label itself is ingested occasionally.

Pocket Packs, Polybags & Polyliners

All plastics that are food contact comply with relevant current international regulations for food contact.

- GB 4806.6-2016 National Food Safety Standard-Plastic Resin used in Food-contact.
- GB 4806.7-2016 (China) Food Contact Plastic Materials and Products.

INDIRECT FOOD CONTACT

All components used comply with relevant international food safety regulations for indirect food contact. All cardboard cornerboards are 100% recyclable and printed with an internationally recognisable recycling logo such as RESY or Inter Seroh Registration. Cornerboards do not contain any bitumen or other prohibited materials.

WOODEN PALLETS

Wooden pallets meet the requirements of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and are certified and marked with the IPPC symbol by an accredited supplier.

In making these representations, Zespri is relying on the information and assurances provided by its packaging suppliers. While Zespri takes reasonable steps to determine the accuracy and truth of the statements made, it makes no warranty, representation or guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the information and assurances provided. Zespri accepts no liability to any person for any loss, damage or injury arising from that person's reliance on this information.