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Information for our customers from the food industry

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Amendment to the EU 1935/2004 regulation

## New EU certificate means more safety

On 1 May 2009, EU regulations for materials and articles in direct contact with unpackaged food have changed.

The regulations protect consumers from the harmful effects of eating food contaminated by substances that might have migrated from conveyor belts for example. As part of the EU 1935/2004 framework regulation, the new additional directives 2007/19/EC and 2008/39/EC also apply, along with the previous 2002/72/EC directive. The transition period ended on 7 March 2010.

An extensive range of Forbo Siegling food types complies with these new additional

directives. Therefore, all customers are now able to obtain appropriate certificates, if required.

First of all, current EU certificates for each and every raw material have to be obtained. Secondly, a special R&D project team uses advanced testing and analytical equipment to examine the materials and chemicals in each belt type in order to acquire the certification required.

■ The benefit: more safety with the new Forbo Siegling certificate. Our experts would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

The EU 1935/2004 framework regulation states that no constituents may migrate into food that are harmful to health, alter the composition of the food in an unreasonable way, or cause significant changes in the food (in terms of odour, taste, appearance, haptics etc.) The regulation is constantly being updated for example by additional directive 2007/19/EC on the migration of phthalates (plasticizers) to food. For further information please visit eur-lex.europa.eu