

HOSTAPHAN®

Antimony-free PET Films for Food and Cosmetics Packaging



Antimony-free HOSTAPHAN® Films for all packaging applications

As an innovative partner of our customers, we constantly improve our product spectrum. The global KAITEKI initiative of Mitsubishi Chemical Holding has the three-fold target of sustainability, health and comfort for the world. Our antimony-free (Sb-free) films, which we successfully achieved a few years ago, represent an important step toward KAITEKI.

For European packaging, food and cosmetics companies, our antimony-free HOSTAPHAN® films offer the benefit of not having to deal with antimony migration.

Food Packaging

PET is usually manufactured using an antimony catalyst, which stays in the plastic after its manufacture. In Europe, a very low limit has been set for the migration of antimony into food: 0.04 mg antimony / kg food. Because the limit is so low, the measurement is quite difficult. The total antimony content of conventional, antimony-based PET film is far above the migration limit. Official enforcement controls have found food in PET packages that exceeds the limit*. Thus migration testing for antimony is essential for conventional PET products, especially if the PET is heated with the food.

Unfortunately, food simulants that are supposed to be used for high temperature lab tests, e.g. vegetable oil, cannot dissolve antimony, while actual foods can. This means that the lab test with food simulants cannot detect antimony migration at high temperatures, even when antimony does migrate to real food under

the same conditions. What ultimately counts for legal compliance is the amount of antimony in the food itself, not the amount in the lab test with the food simulant. This means that food packagers who use conventional, antimony-containing PET film in high temperature applications cannot rely on their suppliers' tests, but instead always need to check antimony migration in the actual food.



Cosmetic Packaging

Antimony is categorically forbidden as a cosmetics ingredient. The new European Cosmetics Regulation, which will take force in 2013, requires that cosmetics firms test their products for traces of forbidden substances. This also

applies to traces of forbidden substances that might originate from the packaging. If such traces are found in cosmetics, proof that they are technically unavoidable is required. The use of antimony-free Hostaphan® PET film not only avoids traces of antimony but also the need to test for them.



Using our antimony-free HOSTAPHAN® film types eliminates the need to do these difficult trace level measurements!

Moreover, because the HOSTAPHAN® films do not contain antimony, toxic emissions from energy recovery are prevented, thus helping to maintain a healthy environment.

* M. HALDIMANN, A. BLANC, & V. DUDLER, "Exposure to antimony from polyethylene terephthalate (PET) trays used in ready-to-eat meals", Food Additives and Contaminants, Vol. 24, pp860-868 (2007)



Your advantages with antimony-free HOSTAPHAN® Films

- We offer a broad range antimony-free HOSTAPHAN® films, for all packaging applications
- No need for migration testing in simulants or food
- No antimony can be transferred to food, since no antimony is present
- No health risk for consumers
- No testing needed for cosmetics
- A valuable contribution to the environment

A wide variety of antimony-free HOSTAPHAN® films for packaging are available:

- Film for cooking and roasting bags (HOSTAPHAN® RBB)
- Glass clear film (HOSTAPHAN® GN 4600A)
- Matte film (HOSTAPHAN® MPK, MK, SP)
- Weldable film (HOSTAPHAN® RHS, RHST)
- Peelable film (HOSTAPHAN® RPSE, RPSM)
- Lidding film (HOSTAPHAN® WDW)
- Film for printing (HOSTAPHAN® RNK 2CSR)
- Film for lamination (HOSTAPHAN® RNK)
- Film for metallization (HOSTAPHAN® RNK 2600)
- Anti-slip film (HOSTAPHAN® RD)





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Our antimony-free Hostaphan® films are permitted for food contact according to the current version of EC Directive 1935/2004 and 10/2011 as well as FDA regulation 21 CFR 177.1630 under the conditions set out in our current Declaration of Compliance. Before using our antimony-free Hostaphan® films in a food contact article, please request this Declaration of Compliance.

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