

Information regarding food-contact approval for the use of Melamine and Melamine formaldehyde resin**1 Food-contact approval**

Melamine and melamine formaldehyde resins, in combination with other components are used in packing, transporting and holding food.

Melamine is regulated as a monomer for the production of polymers for food-contact applications as follows:

- In Europe, melamine complies with EC-directive 90/128/IEC, 23-02-1990 *. Melamine has a specific migration restriction of 30-mg/kg food.
- In the United States, the use of melamine for food-contact applications is cleared under 175.105 of the FDA Code of Federal Regulations for the use in adhesives. The use of melamine formaldehyde-resins is cleared for a number of food-contact applications such as, among others, paper and paperboard products for food packaging (181.30), resinous and polymeric coatings (175.300), and melamine formaldehyde resins in molded articles (177.1460). Here, for melamine no specific restriction for the extraction is mentioned **. For the resin extraction, demands are in force for urea modified melamine formaldehyde resins, dependent on the conditions of the use and the kind of food.

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2 Remarks

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