



National Institute for Public Health  
and the Environment  
*Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport*

## Coatings in NL

Regulation and risk assessment  
of Coating as FCM in The  
Netherlands

Bianca van de Ven  
RIVM



National Institute for Public Health  
and the Environment  
*Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport*

## Content

1. Regulation of FCM in NL
  - General provisions
  - Coating specific provisions
2. Substance evaluations
  - Organisation
  - Risk assessment



# Packaging and Food Utensils Regulation in NL

## Part A: Requirements on materials

- General requirements (Chapter 0)
- Specific Materials (Chapter 1 to 12)

## Part B: Methods for examination

- Examination of Packaging and Utensils (Chapter 1)
- Examination of purity of raw materials and additives (Chapter 2)
- Guidance on risk evaluation based on TTC principle (Chapter 3)



## Part A: Chapters on specific materials

1. Plastics (PPA's and AP's)
2. Paper and board
3. Rubber
4. Metals
5. Glass and glass ceramics
6. Ceramics and enamel
7. Textile
8. Regenerated Cellulose
9. Wood and cork
- 10. Coatings**
11. Colorants and pigments
12. Epoxypolymers





## General provisions (Chapter 0) (1)

- Applicable to all FCM's regulated on the national level,
- **except** for products already allowed in other MS which apply same level of protection (**mutual recognition**)
- Great similarity to Plastics Directive, EU regulation prevails

### Requirements:

- Composition of each material compliant with **Positive Lists**
- Compliant with **restrictions** and specification in the positive lists
- Migration restrictions applicable **to all final FCM**, inclusive monolayers, multilayers, multimaterials-multilayers (except wax coatings)
- Suitable quality and purity of used substance for intended purpose
- Nano materials of authorised substances shall comply with article 3



## General provisions (2)

### Substances not listed but allowed:

- Solvents (except regenerated cellulose)
- Salts of listed acids, phenols and alcohols
- Polymers with  $M_w > 1000$  Da
- Oligomers, composed of authorised monomers, used as monomer
- Substances not CMR and no migration ( $< 10$  ppb), **direct contact allowed**
- Not-Intentionally-Added-Substances (NIAS; up to the level set by TTC approach)



## Part B: Methods for examination

S/V ratio's in for testing compliance with SML and OM:

- Containers  $<.05$  l or  $>10$  l but  $<25$  l:  $6 \text{ dm}^2/\text{kg}$
- Only partial contact:  $3 \text{ dm}^2/\text{kg}$
- Containers  $>25$  l and  $<10.000$  l:  $2 \text{ dm}^2/\text{kg}$
- Containers  $>10,000$  l:  $0.3 \text{ dm}^2/\text{kg}$
- small contact area or very short contact time:  $0.5 \text{ dm}^2/\text{kg}$
- Flowing contact (e.g. tubing):  $0.1 \text{ dm}^2/\text{kg}$
- All other: Actual ratio

### Simulants

If incompatible with the material, alternative simulants can be used



## Coatings, Chapter 10 (revised version, yet to be notified)

All coatings are regulated in Chapter 10, consisting of:

- Part 1      General provisions for coatings
- Part 2      PL's for general purpose coatings
- Part 3      PL's for coatings for specified applications
  - Wax coatings (solvent free)
  - Metallic coatings
  - Temperature resistant coatings
    - Fluor polymer based
    - Inorganic and non-fluor based coatings





# Part 1: General provisions on coatings

## **Scope: Coatings on any substrate**

### **Excluded:**

- Adhesives
- Coatings on regenerated cellulose
- Printing inks (transparent printing inclusive)
- Coatings and printings where contact with food is excluded

## **Declaration of compliance (DoC) needed**

Similar to DoC as in Regulation (EU) No 10/2011, but:

- › Dual use substances (food additives) only to be declared if migration exceeds 5% of the limit in foodstuffs.
- › Purity requirements only applicable to toxic components in the food additive (e.g. PAH, metal content)



## Part 2: General purpose coatings

### Authorised substances

- Substances according to EU Regulation 10/2011
- Substances authorised in NL Ch.1 (AP's and PPA's for plastics)
- Colorants and pigments compliant with Chapter 11
- Monomers and additives listed in chapter X (PL for coatings)
- Temporary allowed substances:
  - Substances are waiting for additional information on identity, use and/or toxicological data.
  - Deadline: 1 year after publication

CEPE list is combined with Dutch lists, as far as possible (with publically available toxicity data)



## Part 3: Specific purpose coatings (1)

### 3.1 Wax coatings

- List of waxes and polymers
- List of additives (very restricted)

Restrictions:

- As maximum quantity in formulation (no migration requirements)
- Maximum coat weight: 50 g/m<sup>2</sup> (or 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>, in case of discontinued contact)
- In case of contact with fatty food:
  - Only for food with fat content < 40%
  - Only for products for discontinued contact





## Part 3: Specific purpose coatings (2)

### 3.2 Metallic coatings

- Scope: metal coatings applied by vaporization
- PL and restrictions: Subject to Chapter 4 (on metals)

#### Metals (chapter 4)

- Listed: metals and alloys as starting materials
- Restrictions:
  - SML's for elements of the starting materials
  - QM's (in %) for impurities: Pb, Cd, As, Bi, and Sb
  - SML's tin: according Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006





## Part 3: Specific purpose coatings (3)

### 3.3 Temperature resistant coatings

#### ☐ Scope:

- High temperature applications (baking, frying)
- Coatings for medium high T ( $<140^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Conveyor belts, knives
- Positive list on fluorine based coatings
  - Monomers
  - Binding agents
  - Additives



#### ☐ Restrictions:

- Only for coatings sintered during manufacture
- Only for coatings used on repeated use articles
- Both overall migration limits and specific migration limits apply



## Dutch Regulation on internet

The Dutch regulation on FCM as notified in 2013, and an amendment from 2016, can be found at (translated in EN, DE, FR):

<http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2013&num=407> (slightly differing from the final version with regard to the formulation of the adoption of the mutual recognition principle)

<http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/tris/en/search/?trisaction=search.detail&year=2016&num=208>

Chapter 10 on coatings will most probably be updated end of the year.





# Substance evaluation for coatings in The Netherlands





## National Commission on FCM

- National Committee is “G4”

The ‘4’ refers to the intention that 4 parties are represented:  
ministry (VWS) / enforcement (NVWA) / industry / experts

Currently 8 members: 1 from ministry (H. Rang),  
1 industry representative, 5 experts, 1 secretariat.

Meeting frequency G4: 3 or 4 times a year

Agenda items: petitions / legislation / hot-items / news from EU

Scope: Maintenance of positive lists for non-harmonised FCM



## Evaluations in NL

Experts for non-tox part: former workers of TNO (3)

Experts for toxicity-part: RIVM (2)

Number of applications in the last 3 years: 21 total

Number of which are on coatings: 9

- monomers: 4 (2 based on EFSA evaluations)
- Polymeric additives: 3 (1 based on EFSA evaluations)
- Polymer catalyst: 1
- Dispersant: 1 (for coating on Paper & Board)

6 accepted, 3 currently under evaluation



## Data requirement for coatings

Dossier conform SCF guidelines, P-SDS needed, in English

### **Tox data**

Data on identity, physical/chemical properties, use, authorization, migration and residual content of the substance and related substances (reaction- and breakdown products, oligomers).

- Tested material should be a typical sample coating
- Testing conditions used: according to 10/2011 (t, T and simulants) based on the proposed uses (taking the worst case)
- S/V: 6 dm<sup>2</sup> per kg food (calculated)



## Data requirement for coatings

### **Tox-part**

For 'all' substances identified that migrate to food in amounts of:

- $\leq 0.05$  mg/kg: show absence of genotoxic potential
- between 0.05 – 5 mg/kg: reduced core set of data
- $> 5$  mg/kg: core set (no experience)

Differences with SCF guidelines:

For  $<0.05$ , also accepted: OECD 471 & 487 (AMES & in vitro MN)

For 0.05-5 mg/kg might be accepted: OECD 422 (instead of 408)



## Combined (OECD 422) versus 90-day (OECD 407)

### **Con's**

- Shorter exposure (female:  $\pm 38$  days; male: 28 days)
- Lower no. rats/group for analysis: 5 versus 10 (but not in an extended OECD 422-study)

### **Pro's**

- (Initial) information on the possible effects on reproductive performance
- New test with animals might be avoided

### **Acceptance**

Case by case, if supported by other data, and only if MOE  $\gg 100$





## NIAS assessment

### **Risk assessment of NIAS part of evaluation?**

Reaction- and breakdown products specific for the substance, arising in probably all uses: YES

Reaction products varying from coating to coating, depending on recipe: NO (responsibility of producer)

Impurities: insignificant impurities: NO

monomers in polymeric additives: YES

### **Oligomers**

Show acceptability by, eg.:

- Determination of fraction of oligomers <1000 D that migrate (or assume 100% migration of residual content).
- Compare Mw distribution with conventional coating

Assumption: Toxicity oligomers  $\leq$  or  $\ll$  monomers.



## Type of restrictions in legislation

Restriction as SML (or if not measurable, as QMA):

- For starting substance
- For reaction- and/or breakdown products (with \*)

An FRF might apply

\* = not to be used as starting substance

Other type of restrictions:

- as % of starting substance, for impurities (only when needed)
- Restrictions on use condition (excluding type of food, ...)

No restrictions on oligomers set so far



Thank you for the attention

Any questions?