

Legislation – Germany - [BfR Recommendations](#)

Recommendations on the health assessment of food contact materials have been issued by the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung BfR) and its predecessors since 1958. The inclusion of new substances as well as alignment with current regulations require that the recommendations be adjusted on a regular basis. Whilst not legally binding, these [BfR Recommendations](#) are widely respected and used by industry throughout the European Union, and represent the current state of the scientific and technical knowledge for the conditions under which consumer goods made of polymeric materials meet the requirements of the German Food and Feed Code (Lebensmittel-, Bedarfsgegenstände- und Futtermittelgesetzbuch, LFGB), as well as those of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 in respect to their health safety. According to these provisions, materials and articles that come into contact with food shall be manufactured in compliance with good manufacturing practice so that, under normal or foreseeable conditions of use, they do not transfer their constituents to food in quantities which could endanger human health.

The BfR Recommendations on Food Contact Materials are based on European law and its transposition into national law. In order to take this into account, the recommendations are continuously adjusted to conform to current laws. New substances are included in the BfR Recommendations on Food Contact Materials upon application by the manufacturer to BfR. The application must be submitted on the basis of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) [Note for Guidance](#). The Recommendations are available in an online [database](#).

The BfR recently published updated versions of several of their Recommendations on food contact materials.

BfR Recommendation	Material	Update
XXXVI	Food contact papers, cardboard and paperboard	New slimicides, preservatives, coating agents; new migration limits for slimicides & aluminium; new purity requirements for fillers
XXXVI/1	Cooking paper, hot filter papers, and filter layers	New preservatives & antimicrobial agents; new migration limit for aluminium
XXXVI/2	Paper, cardboard and paperboard for baking	New preservatives & antimicrobial agents; new migration limit for aluminium
XIV	Polymer dispersions	Expanded list of monomers; new preservative
III	Polyethylene	Updates to catalyst residues
XXV	Hard paraffins, microcrystalline waxes and mixtures thereof with waxes, resins and plastics	New requirements for natural waxes

A full list of the changes can be found in the [summary document](#) (in German).

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