

‘Fit for Food’-Label

Your competitive benefits using Eurofins’ assuring quality label.

Food Contact Materials

We all use various food contact materials (FCM) on a daily basis:

Our kitchens and households are full of single-use **packaging materials** as well as a plethora of **kitchenware** for repeated-use. European legal requirements for food contact materials are becoming stricter and stricter, making it increasingly difficult in the whole industrial supply chain (from raw-material-manufacturers over finished-article-producers to food-manufacturers/fillers) to keep up with them. In addition, consumers are becoming more and more sensitive to potential contaminants in food originating in FCM, especially when they are made of plastics. Moreover, almost every year the media reports a new scandal contaminant (plasticisers, phthalates, bisphenol A, mineral oils, photoinitiators, etc.) found in FCM often manufactured in Asia.



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Eurofins Product Testing division launched a brand-new ‘Fit for Food’-Label with a comprehensive underlying concept. Well established in the market, it is an easy way of reassuring business partners, in the industry’s supply chain and consumers alike, of the compliance/suitability ‘at first glance’. Moreover, it transports the all-out positive message that the tested article is **perfectly suitable for food contact** and **safe for human health**.

Benefits / Added Value

- Easily intelligible
- Comprehensively tested by an independent lab
- Additional chemical, physical, and electrical tests
- Easy to use/operate, to clean
- Free of typical scandal parameters
- More tests than legally required

Legal Requirements

The basic regulatory requirements for FCM in the harmonized European context are the Framework Regulation (EC) No. 1935/2004 and GMP Regulation (EC) No. 2023/2006 ensuring that

- Raw materials are traceable
- The article is produced in a constant quality
- The composition of food is not altered
- Smell, taste, and colour are not altered
- Human health is not endangered.

In addition, there are material-specific requirements e.g. for plastics the Plastics-Regulation(EC) No. 10/2011, BfR - recommendations for paper or silicones... all of them have to be applied as well.

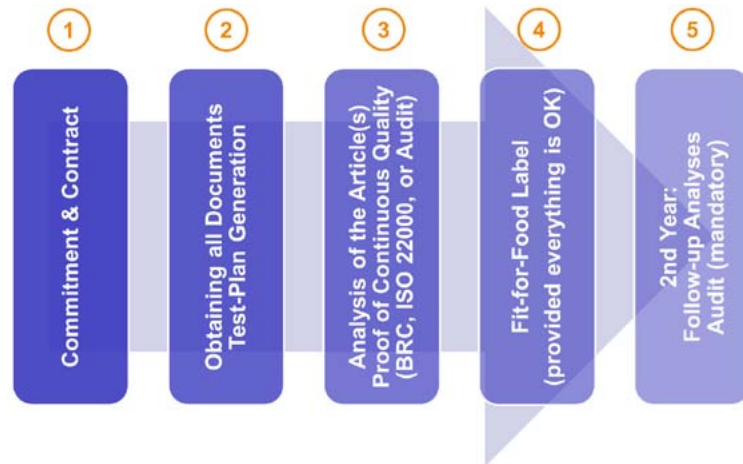
The process of obtaining the label

1 – Contract

In an initial meeting we discuss the possible use of the label, estimate the resulting costs, address rights and duties of each involved party, and initiate the project.

2 – Document Review

We use your list of all raw materials used and their suppliers to obtain current data sheets for food contact. Based on this, we generate a comprehensive test plan covering chemical requirements, typical scandal parameters (mineral oils, phthalates, etc.), as well as usability, physical and electrical parameters (if applicable).



3 – Analysis

Your samples are analysed by accredited Eurofins labs for all relevant parameters that have been determined before. In parallel, we need to make sure your production facility is set up to deliver continuous quality suitable for food contact. This is either proven by an existing certification according to BRC, ISO 22000, or IFS-Broker; alternatively, we perform an audit of your production site to cover the fundamental aspects.

4 – The Label

When all analyses and tests are finished, the complete set of test results, certifications, and supporting documents will be reviewed. With all tests passed, we issue the 'Fit for Food'-Label for a period of 2 years.

5 – Second Year

In order to ascertain a continuous quality of the labelled article product-specific follow-up analyses and a mandatory audit of the production site will be performed.

Eurofins stands for

- Accurate results – on time
- Comprehensive service
- Technical consultation by highly qualified employees
- International presence in 37 countries currently
- Auditing by our customers
- Continuous performance control by internal quality management and participation in inter-laboratory comparisons such as Food Analysis Performance Assessment Scheme (FAPAS and Hong Kong Government Laboratory)
- Presence in working groups, e.g. 'Consumer goods and packaging' (GDCh)

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