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Declaration of Compliance

Product Name: Algro Volume

Product Description: Solid bleached cartonboard

1. General Information

Pulp composition

The above mentioned product is produced with a mixture of elementary and totally chlorine free bleached cellulose fibres. The production is based on virgin fibres only and no recycled fibres are used for pulp preparation. We further confirm that the above mentioned product is produced without intentional addition of any recycled materials.

Acid content/Chloride content

The pH of *Algro Volume* is above 7. *Algro Volume* can be described as neutral or slightly alkaline. It has not been tested for chloride content.

Storing and handling recommendations

Under appropriate storage conditions the functionality of *Algro Volume* is guaranteed for 12 months after supply. Appropriate storage conditions are defined as storage of the supplied reels and sheets in original packaging protected against direct sun light at an average climate ($\pm 10\%$) of 23°C, 50 % rel. humidity. Especially high storage temperatures, high ambient humidity and direct UV radiation should be avoided. In case of differences between storage climate and the ambient conditions during conversion the reels and sheets must be stored at least 24 h in original packaging, preferably 48 h near the conversion machine to make sure that the reels and sheets adopt the ambient temperature. This also holds for paper reels just supplied because temperature differences over the web width and running length might negatively affect the conversion process. To avoid the buildup of rope marks and creases, as well as flatness deviations (in case of sheets) by moisture exchange with the environment, the original packaging, especially under humid climate conditions, should only be removed immediately before conversion. Also opened reels have to be appropriately repacked with a moisture barrier packaging.

2. Food Contact Status

Conditions for food contact

Algro Volume can be used as food contact material. It can be used for long term contact (maximum 2 years) at room temperature. It also can be used for short term contact (maximum 2 hours) at temperatures up to 90 °C (holding and reheating of food) in accordance with XXXVI recommendation of the BfR. It can be used in direct contact with dry and non-fatty foodstuff and such kind of foodstuffs which are peeled, shelled or washed before consumption.

Compliance with (EU) No 1935/2004

Algro Volume complies with the requirements of Framework Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. *Algro Volume* can be applied as packaging for foodstuffs.

Compliance with (EC) No 2023/2006

Algro Volume was manufactured in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006 on good manufacturing practice for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. The producing mill has implemented a quality management system according to ISO 9001, food safety standards according to ISO 22000 as well as a hygiene management system and externally certified.

Compliance with BfR recommendation XXXVI

Algro Volume is approved according to BfR recommendation XXXVI in its current version (1.2.2023).

Compliance with Foodstuffs and Animal Feed Code (LFGB)

Algro Volume is in compliance with the rules of the current version of the Foodstuffs, Consumer Goods and Animal Feed Code (Foodstuffs and Animal Feed Code (LFGB)).

Compliance with Italian legislation DM 21.3.73

Algro Volume has not been assessed for compliance with Ministerial Decree of 21 March 1973.

Compliance with (EU) No 10/2011

Algro Volume is not within the scope of *Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food* as it is not plastic.

Compliance with FDA requirements for food packaging

Algro Volume is in compliance with the demands of the Code of Federal Regulations, Foods and Drugs (FDA), 21 CFR Ch. 1 (current version of March 2023), §§ 176.180.

Compliance with the Swiss Ordinance on food packaging materials

Algro Volume fulfills the requirements stated in the Swiss Ordinance on Materials and Articles (SR 817.023.21), Part 9, Article 27. It solely contains virgin fibres and no recycled fibres.

3. Toy Safety

Toy safety EN 71/3

Algro Volume has been tested and found to be in compliance with the demands of the latest version of the Toy Safety standard EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021: "Migration of certain elements".

4. Relevant legislation

Compliance with EC 1907/2006 (REACH)

EC 1907/2006 (REACH) primarily addresses chemical substances and preparations. From the perspective of REACH paper is considered as an article. Registration or notification requirements only apply for articles if the certain criteria are met. This is not the case for above mentioned product, that is why registration or notification requirements under REACH cannot be applied. None of the substances listed in the ECHA Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern, updated on January 23rd 2024, are intentionally used in the formulation or during the manufacturing process of above mentioned product in a content > 0,1%. We further confirm the compliance with Article 33 of EC 1907/2006 about the duty to communicate information on substances in articles.

Compliance with 94/62/EC (Packaging)

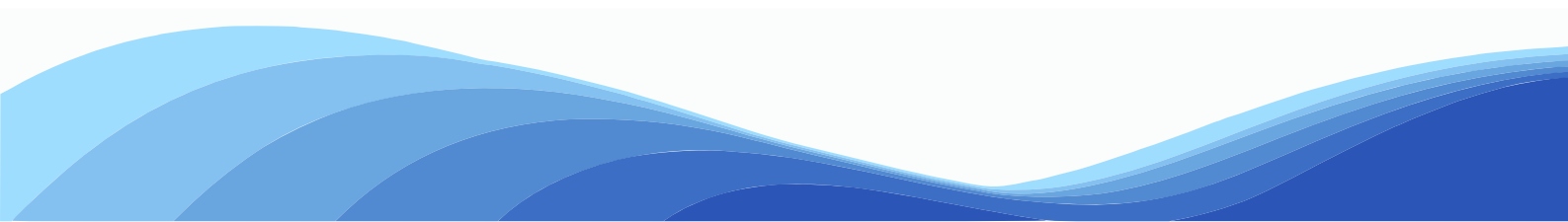
Algro Volume is in compliance with the Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste, including latest amendments, regarding the content of heavy metals as specified in Article 11. The sum of the heavy metals Cr(VI), Pb, Cd, Hg is below 100 ppm.

CONEG

Algro Volume is in compliance with the demands of the current version of the Model Toxics Legislation by the Source Reduction Council of CONEG regarding the content of heavy metals. The sum of the heavy metals Cr(VI), Pb, Cd, Hg is below 100 ppm.

EN 13427

In case *Algro Volume* is used as part of a packaging material, the following statements regarding the EN 13427 et seqq. may serve as the input for the producer of the finished packaging.



- EN 13427: This standard specifies requirements and a procedure by which a person or organization responsible for placing packaging or packed product on the market may combine the application of the following packaging standards.
- EN 13428: *Algro Volume* is made without the use of waste paper. The usage of hazardous chemicals during production has been minimized. The sum of content of the heavy metals lead (Pb), cadmium (Cd), mercury (Hg) and chromium (VI) (Cr(VI)) in *Algro Volume* is below 100 ppm.
- EN 13429: This is not directly applicable to *Algro Volume* and depends on the properties of the finished packaging.
- EN 13430: *Algro Volume* is fully recyclable and comply with the criteria of this standard regarding material recycling. We advise and encourage all users of our papers to recycle our papers after use.
- EN 13431: *Algro Volume* will contribute a positive calorific value for a thermal energy recovery process. We however recommend favoring material recycling over incineration.
- EN 13432: *Algro Volume* has not been tested on the requirements of this clause. We recommend favoring material recycling over composting.

Compliance with (EU) 528/2012 (Biocides)

The preservation agents used in the production of *Algro Volume* (e.g. in pigment slurries) comply with the Regulation (EU) 528/2012, including amendments and are used in accordance with XXXVI. recommendation of the BfR. No special biocide treatment is applied to the above mentioned product to give it an antimicrobial effect, it is therefore not a 'treated article' in sense of the Regulation (EU) 528/2012. *Algro Volume* does not have an effect on the growth of microorganisms which is proven by a negative Hemmhof test based on DIN EN 1104.

Compliance with Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS)

The EU-directive 2011/65/EC on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (ROHS directive and its amendments Directive (EU) 2015/863 and Directive (EU) 2017/2102 are not applicable to *Algro Volume*.

Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65)

Substances listed in the latest version of the Safe Drinking And Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 Proposition 65 have not intentionally been added to the manufacturing process of the above mentioned product. Updates until and including December 29th, 2023 have been considered.

5. Miscellaneous

Animal testing

The production facilities for *Algro Volume* does neither conduct nor commission animal testing with *Algro Volume*. Our suppliers confirmed that they neither conduct nor commission animal testing with their products at all or commission animal testing only as a part of a toxicological evaluation to ensure safety and regulatory compliance of the respective products. The suppliers who are concerned confirmed that they are continuously looking for in-vitro alternatives being accepted by legal authorities in order to actively minimize testing on animals.

BSE/TSE risk

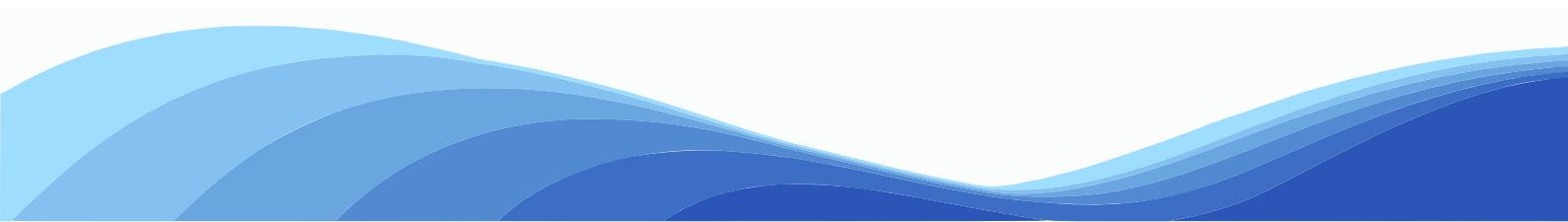
Raw materials of animal origin classified as risk materials according to COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1326/2001, Annex III, are not used during the manufacture of *Algro Volume*. For all processing aids, i.e. defoamers, we already have declarations of our suppliers available that specifically exclude a TSE risk. In detail, the respective suppliers confirmed, that during the production of respective raw materials and their precursors, the conditions outlined in EMEA/410/1, section 6.4., respectively in Annex I 3. of EU 722/2012 are applied.

Halal/Kosher

The presence of traces of substances of animal origin in *Algro Volume* cannot be fully excluded. Neither *Algro Volume* nor the producing mills have been assessed or certified as Kosher or Halal.

Substances of animal origin

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6. Information on end-of-life scenarios

Recyclability

The above mentioned product is fully recyclable in the waste paper stream. *Algro Volume* has not been tested for its repulpability properties, but to the best of our knowledge about *Algro Volume* composition, manufacturing process, and raw materials we are not aware of any limitations to its recyclability. To the best of our knowledge, the recycling code PAP 21 according to Annex II of 97/129/EC can be assigned to a hypothetical packaging consisting purely of above mentioned material.

Biodegradability

The above mentioned product has not been tested on biodegradability or compostability. Based on knowledge on product composition and raw materials, we do not see significant restrictions in its biodegradability. Under the conditions of a compost heap or a well managed landfill site (sufficient air, moisture and heat) our coated paper would decompose into carbon dioxide and minerals, but without testing we can not estimate how long it takes. Due to its alkali properties the paper would even improve compost as it buffers soil acidification, a common challenge in agriculture. Our papers do contain fossil polymer binders. Information on product composition is available on Paper Profiles. We advise to favor paper recycling over composting in order to maximize the value and the lifecycle of the virgin fibres. If recycling is not possible, for example due to contamination or moisture, then composting or energy recovery are acceptable options.

7. Non-use of specific substances or materials

Genetically modified organisms

Genetically modified organisms are not intentionally added to the manufacturing process of *Algro Volume*.

MOSH/MOAH (mineral oil)

Mineral oil is not used as a paper raw material in the production of this grade. However, traces of substances originating from defoamers, stabilizers or other materials used during production may lead to a positive result in a MOSH-analysis.

Nanomaterials

Raw materials, such as calcium carbonate, containing particles with one or more external dimensions in the nano range may be used in the manufacturing process of the above mentioned product. These particles would meet the definition of nanoparticles according to Commission Recommendation of 10 June 2022. The presence of these particles in the respective raw materials arises from a naturally occurring and/or technically unavoidable particle number-based size distribution. These particles are embedded in the paper matrix and are not anticipated to undergo migration.

Allergenes

No substances with allergenic hazard according to Annex II of EU 1169/2011 are intentionally added during the production of *Algro Volume*, except for wheat starch, which may be added and in turn contains gluten. *Algro Volume* therefore may contain less than 20 ppm gluten. According to the standard CXS 118-1979, dietary foods with less than 20 mg/kg are considered gluten-free foods. Amendments of EU 1169/2011, namely Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 78/2014 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1155/2013 have been considered.

PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), defined as substances that contain at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF₃-) or methylene (-CF₂-) carbon atom (without any H/Cl/Br/I atom attached to it), have not been intentionally added to the manufacturing process of *Algro Volume*. These substances are not part of *Algro Volume* formulation and they are not expected to be present in the product. *Algro Volume* meets the demands of Danish Order No. 681 of 25th May 2020, chapter 3, §8.

Persistent organic pollutants

None of the following substances listed in Annexes A,B, and C of the Stockholm Convention have been intentionally added during production of this product:

- Aldrin
- Chlordane

- Dieldrin
- DDT
- Endrin
- Heptachlor
- Hexachlorobenzene
- Mirex
- Toxaphene
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and terphenyls (PCTs)
- Dioxins and furans

None of the following substances listed in the amendments of Stockholm Convention Annexes A, B, and C in the COP decisions SC4/10-4/18, SC 5/3, SC 6/13 have been intentionally added during production of *Algro Volume*:

- Chlordane
- Alpha and beta hexachlorocyclohexane
- Lindane
- Hexabromobiphenyl, hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether
- Pentachlorobenzene
- Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride
- Tetrabromodiphenyl and pentabromodiphenyl ethers

None of the substances listed in Annexes I - IV in Regulation EU 2019/1021 are intentionally added during the production of *Algro Volume*. The amendments up to and including 30 May 2023 (EU 2023/1608) have been considered.

Titanium oxides

Titanium oxides (CAS 13463-67-7, 1317-80-2, 1317-70-0) are not intentionally added. The substances are not part of *Algro Volume* formulation and they are not expected to be present in *Algro Volume*.

Optical brightening agents

Optical brightening agents (OBAs) are intentionally used during the manufacture of *Algro Volume*. These substances are used in accordance with respective BfR recommendations and FDA legislation.

Sulfur

As far as it concerns content of sulfur species, the above mentioned product is expected to contain almost exceptionally sulphate species, which originate from the fiber base. Sulphates are not considered 'reducible sulfur species' according to Tappi T406 and therefore not expected to oxidize metals in direct contact. The amount of 'Reducible sulfur species' according to Tappi T406 is expected to be at trace levels and therefore below the threshold to cause oxidation.

Conflict minerals

No gold, tin, tantalum or tungsten, or their derivatives, such as coltran, cassiterite, columbite-tantalite or wolframite, as laid out in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Section 1502, are added during the production of *Algro Volume*.

CMR Substances according to CLP legislation

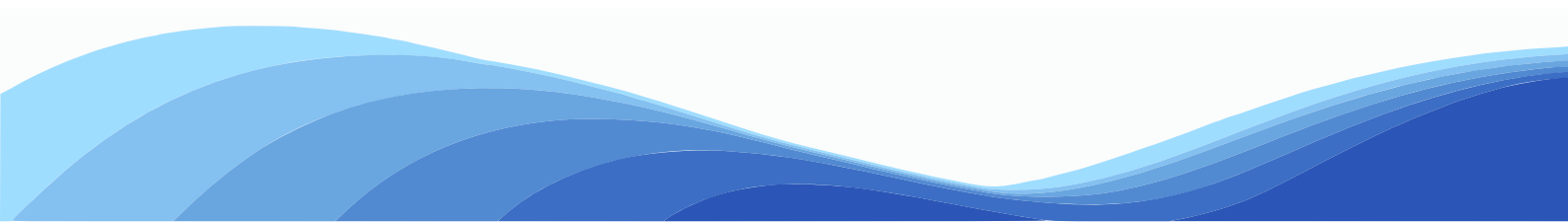
During the production of *Algro Volume*, no substances classified as cancerogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction according to CLP regulation EC 1272/2008 are intentionally added.

Corn and corn by-products

During the production of above mentioned product, corn products (e.g. starch) are added.

Residual solvents

Based on our knowledge on the manufacturing process and the raw materials used in the above mentioned product, we expect no residual solvents to be present in the final product.



Dyes

Nuance dyes are intentionally added during the production of *Algro Volume*. They are used in compliance with XXXVI recommendation of the BfR and FDA regulations.

Other substances

None of the following substances/substance classes have been intentionally added to the manufacturing process of *Algro Volume*:

- Acetone (CAS 67-64-1)
- Alkylphenols and their ethoxylates
- Anthraquinone (CAS 84-65-1)
- Antimony Tris(Ethylene Glycoxide) (CAS 29736-75-2)
- Asbestos
- Azodicarbonamide (CAS 123-77-3)
- BAC (CAS 63449-41-2)
- BADGE, BFDGE, NOGE
- Benzene (CAS 71-43-2)
- Benzophenones
- Bisphenols
- Cadmium, lead, mercury, chromium and compounds thereof
- Chlorine and other halogens (Fluorine, Bromine, Iodine)
- Cholecalciferol (CAS 67-97-0)
- Cobalt and its compounds
- Creosote
- Cyanuric acid (CAS 108-80-5)
- DDAC (CAS 7173-51-5)
- Diisopropylnaphtalenes (DIPNs)
- Dimethylfumarate (CAS 624-49-7)
- Dioxane (CAS 123-91-1)
- Disodium guanylate (CAS 5550-12-9)
- Epoxy resins
- Ethanol (CAS 64-17-5)
- Ethylene oxide (75-21-8)
- Formaldehyde
- Glyphosate (CAS 107-83-6)
- Glycol ethers
- GLYMO (CAS 2530-83-8), GLYEO (CAS 2602-34-8) and their reaction products, as well as other epoxy silanes
- Hexane (CAS 110-54-3)
- Inosinate (CAS 4691-65-0)
- Isobornyl Acrylate (CAS 5888-33-5)
- Isopropyl alcohol (IPA) (CAS 67-63-0)
- Isopropylthioxanthone (ITX, CAS 5495-84-1, 83846-86-0)
- Mancozeb (CAS 8018-01-7)
- Melamine (CAS 108-78-1)
- Micas
- Monosodium glutamate (CAS 142-47-2)
- Natural rubber latex materials
- N-Ethyl-Toluenesulfonamide (CAS 8047-99-2)
- Nitrosamines, Nitrites, Nitrates
- Nitrocellulose
- N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP) (CAS 872-50-4)
- 4-Nonylphenol (4-NP) (CAS 3050-88-2)
- Nonylphenoethoxylate (NPE, CAS 127087-87-0)

- Organic Peroxides
- Organotin compounds
- Orthophenylphenol (CAS 90-43-7)
- Partially hydrogenated terphenyls (HTPs)
- Pentachlorophenol (PCP)
- Pentanedione-2,4-titanium
- Perchlorates
- Pesticides and Fungicides
- Phenylalanin
- Phthalates
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Polyvinylchloride (PVC)
- Primary aromatic amines and azo colorants which may cleave to form aromatic amines as listed in European regulation 1907/2006/EC (REACH)
- Radioactive materials, radioactive contamination
- Rayon
- Resorcinol (CAS No. 108-46-3)
- Rice plant derived substances
- Seed-bearing parts of a flowering plant (fruits)
- Sodium Antimonate A (CAS 15432-85-6)
- TAA Titanium Acetylacetonate (CAS 17501-79-0)
- Toluene (CAS 108-88-3)
- Triclosan (CAS 3380-34-5)
- Tris(4-nonylphenyl, branched and linear) phosphite
- 2,2,4-Trimethyl-1,3-pentandioldiisobutyrate (CAS 6846-50-0)
- Vinyl chloride (CAS 75-01-4)
- Volatile Organic Compounds
- Yeast
- TNPP, 4 NP and NPE

8. Disclaimer

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