



**Statement re: regulation EU 1907/2006 REACH
Dated 20/11/08**

Meridian (Speciality Packaging) Ltd. manufactures speciality printed, hot foiled and plain packaging in two main material sub-sections: folding box board (carton board) and PVC (200mic and 240mic).

Manufacturing processes undertaken by Meridian include printing and varnishing; die-cutting; hot-foiling; embossing; 4-corner, in-line and crash-lock gluing; and hand-finishing.

Following consultation with the REACH advisory team within the HSE, it is clear that Meridian supplies articles as all packaging has been classified as such under the REACH regulations. However, the following guidelines have been identified as being key to ensuring the compliance of manufacturers (those down-stream):

1. Any substances that are intentionally released from the articles/materials must be pre-registered
2. The presence of any Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) must be brought to the attention of your customers and authorisation granted.

Meridian (Speciality Packaging) Ltd. is accredited under BRC/IoP Global Packaging Standards (Issue 3 – 2008). All packaging intended for use in direct contact with food or where a natural barrier exists is treated in the same way within Meridian's processes and as such complies with both the Materials and Articles in Contact with Food Regulations 2007 (1935/2004) and the Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (1935/2004 & 1895/2005). All material sourced is 'food grade' and all manufacturing processes are subject to the same quality and hygiene procedures.

Meridian's quality and hygiene management system and manufacturing processes comply with the overall framework and requirements of regulation 2023/2006 regarding Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). A representative of Meridian attended the recent FSA chaired workshop concerning current draft guidelines on the effective implementation of DoCs to ensure compliance with the above regulations. Regional workshops chaired by the enforcement agencies themselves are planned to ensure that they are able to work effectively to ensure all relevant companies comply with the regulations.



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As such, and aiming to ensure delivery ahead of its competitors, a project is currently under way within Meridian to ensure the provision of declarations of compliance (DoCs) in line with current suggested best practice and the results of this project are scheduled for delivery in February 2009.

It is a statement of fact that Meridian (Speciality Packaging) Ltd. complies with the EU regulation 1907/2006 REACH.

Many thanks in advance for your ongoing business.

Sincerely,

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