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Borax: not an issue for Paramelt

Just over 3 years after the take-over of Remy Beneo Adhesives by Paramelt, many labelling customers are really appreciating the benefits of this new union.

Within the context of Paramelt's global activities in coatings and adhesives for packaging and labelling applications, regulatory compliance is a central topic for the combined business.

Sustainability and product safety concerns worldwide are leading to increasingly stringent regulations and market demands. As a market leader, Paramelt works to monitor the impact of these issues and develop products in line with current and future requirements.

One recent event of importance in this regard is the implementation on 1st of June 2015 of more stringent hazard labelling requirements under the UN GHS (Globally Harmonized System of classification and labelling of chemicals) classification and EU CLP (classification, labelling and packaging) legislation.

One of the principle items of concern in the labelling arena is the use of Borax which is found in many bottling adhesives. In response to potential health concerns linked to this material both authorities have mandated significant reductions in the threshold for hazard labelling.

For labelled products these changes can mandate significant changes to adhesive handling and process working methods. Moreover, looking at the long term, the presence of Borax on the list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), it may be a matter of time before further restriction would be applied to this compound.

In the light of several enquiries from the market place on this topic, Paramelt is happy to confirm that all of their water based labelling products are free from Borax and will remain free of any hazard symbols requiring special attention in use.

Paramelt offers a comprehensive range of labelling adhesives under the Latyl and Multicollac brands for water based products and Plastoflex range of hot melt adhesives for wrap-around labelling.

With the beverage portfolio fully integrated in to the Paramelt family and their history of looking ahead, customers can look forward to an exciting pipeline of investment and innovation from Paramelt's adhesive products.

For further information on Paramelt's range of labelling adhesives, please contact Mylène Sage at info@paramelt.com or +31 (0)72 5750 600.

about Paramelt

Paramelt is a multinational company focused on the development, production and sales of formulated waxes, adhesives and dispersions. Its products are processed into those of large and medium-sized industrial customers in sectors ranging from foods, cosmetics and packaging to rubber and investment casting. Paramelt, with its permanent staff of nearly 400, enjoys a turnover of around €200 million, which makes it the clear market leader in Europe and Asia. Paramelt has development and production facilities in the Netherlands, China and the United States. In addition, it has sales offices across Europe, North America and Asia. The head office is located in Heerhugowaard, the Netherlands.

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