

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 2619

**The Materials and Articles in Contact
with Food (England) Regulations 2012**

PART 5

Requirements for Regenerated Cellulose Film

Interpretation of this Part

11.—(1) In this Part —

- (a) “regenerated cellulose film” means a thin sheet material obtained from refined cellulose derived from unrecycled wood or cotton, with or without the addition of suitable substances, either in the mass or on one or both surfaces, but does not include synthetic casings of regenerated cellulose;
- (b) “URCF” means uncoated regenerated cellulose film;
- (c) “CRCF” means coated regenerated cellulose film with coating derived from cellulose; and
- (d) “PRCF” means coated regenerated cellulose film with coating consisting of plastics.

(2) This Part applies to regenerated cellulose film which —

- (a) constitutes a finished product in itself; or
- (b) is part of a finished product containing other materials,

and is intended to come into contact with food or, by being used for that purpose, does come into contact with food.

^{F1}(3)

Textual Amendments

F1 [Reg. 11\(3\)](#) omitted (31.12.2022) by virtue of [The Food and Feed \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1351\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(4)**

Controls and limits

12.—(1) URCF and CRCF may be manufactured using only the substances or groups of substances listed in [^{F2}Schedule 5] (list of substances authorised in the manufacture of regenerated cellulose film) and subject to the restrictions set out in [^{F3}that Schedule] but, by way of derogation, substances other than those listed in [^{F2}Schedule 5] may be used when these substances are employed either as —

- (a) dyes and pigments; or
- (b) adhesives,

provided that there is no trace of migration of the substances, detectable by a validated method, into or on to foodstuffs.

(2) PRCF may be manufactured, prior to coating, using only substances or groups of substances listed in the first part of [^{F4}Schedule 5] and subject to the restrictions set out in that part.

(3) The coating to be applied to PRCF may be manufactured using only substances or groups of substances listed in Annex I to Regulation 10/2011 and subject to the restrictions in that Annex.

(4) Materials and articles made of PRCF must comply with Article 12 (overall migration limit) as read with Article 17 (expression of migration test results) and Article 18 (rules for assessing compliance with migration limits) of Regulation 10/2011.

(5) Printed surfaces of regenerated cellulose film must not come into contact with foodstuffs.

(6) Any material or article made of regenerated cellulose film that is not by its nature clearly intended to come into contact with food must, at a marketing stage other than the retail stage, be accompanied by a written declaration attesting that it complies with the legislation applicable to it.

(7) Where special conditions of use are indicated, the material or article made of regenerated cellulose film must be labelled accordingly.

(8) No person may place on the market any regenerated cellulose film which has been manufactured in contravention of the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (4), or which fails to comply with [^{F5}paragraphs (5) or (7)].

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in reg. 12(1) substituted (31.12.2022) by [The Food and Feed \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1351\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(5)(a)(i)**
- F3** Words in reg. 12(1) substituted (31.12.2022) by [The Food and Feed \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1351\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(5)(a)(ii)**
- F4** Words in reg. 12(2) substituted (31.12.2022) by [The Food and Feed \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1351\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(5)(b)**
- F5** Words in reg. 12(8) substituted (25.12.2020) by [The Food and Feed Hygiene and Safety \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1410\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(4)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (England) Regulations 2012, PART 5.