

NEW ITALIAN DECREE FOR FOOD CONTACT STAINLESS STEELS

In February 2011, Italy published Decree 258 with the inclusion of 'migration of manganese' for food contact stainless steels. The new Decree also includes an updated list of food contact stainless steels. The new law took effect in February 2011.

In June 2009, we informed you that Italy drafted regulations on food contact stainless steel materials¹. On 4 February, 2011, the Ministry of Health of Italy published Decree No. 258 of 21 December 2010 in the Official Gazette for food contact stainless steels². In addition to the existing migratory requirements, the major amendment is the inclusion of a migratory limit of no more than 0.1 ppm for manganese. The new Decree also provides a list of stainless steels for food contact. The new law has been in force since 19 February, 2011. Highlights of the scope and testing conditions for manganese are summarised in Table 1.



NEW SUBSTANCE INCLUDED	SCOPE	TESTING CONDITIONS USING 3% ACETIC ACID	SPECIFIC MIGRATION REQUIREMENTS	EFFECTIVE DATE
Manganese (Mn)	Food Contact Stainless Steel	Repeated use, short time contact at high or room temperature 100 °C, 0.5 hours Prolonged Contact at room temperature 40 °C, 10 days	≤ 0.1 ppm	19 Feb 2011

TABLE 1.

¹ See SafeGuards 095/09

² Decreto 21 Dicembre 2010, n.258, Portale Della Normative Sanitaria, Ministero della Salute

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