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Customer information on the implementation of the Drinking Water Directive

According to current knowledge, the materials used by Hummel in the corresponding drinking water products are valid until 2028

DIRECTIVE (EU) 2020/2184 on the quality of water intended for human consumption

At the end of April, the extension of Article 11 was adopted as part of an EU delegated decision. Article 11 regulates: "Minimum hygiene requirements for materials and substances that come into contact with water intended for human consumption".

This extension and further resolutions by the EU delegates have now resulted in the inclusion of substances and classifications. As a result, there is now a first "EU material positive list" for use in drinking water. It has also been defined how various elastomers and thermoplastics can become suitable for drinking water (recipe tests etc.). In addition, certification procedures and notification procedures have been adopted.

This extension of the guidelines and their resolutions also regulate the future certification procedures for products in connection with drinking water, which will affect HUMMEL AG in the future. The consequence of this is that the products will be tested and monitored for suitability by third parties (notified bodies) on the basis of the materials used (without technical function testing).

The current schedule is as follows:

- 31.12.2026 Entry into force of the material list (the UBA and EU lists can be used until entry into force; if submitted in good time, other materials on the UBA positive list are permitted beyond the deadline). The material we use in the drinking water sector is expected to be valid until 2028.
- 2026 2032 Construction of the notified bodies and start of certifications.
- 31.12.2032 from this date, EU certificates of conformity and product labeling will become mandatory by law



The labeling obligation provides for a text note in the documentation and a label on the product:

Text reference:

"FOR DRINKING WATER" (language depends on the country of use)

Labeling logo:



Further information on the positive lists and delegated regulations as well as their implementation decisions can be found at: Understanding the Drinking Water Directive - ECHA

HUMMEL AG is currently in the process of evaluating the timely implementation of the Drinking Water Directive. To this end, we are examining materials in order to make a suitable material available on the market by the deadline.

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