

## SELF DECLARATION

### On the potential use of Durst Water Technology Food Ink (Durst WT Food SP and Durst WT Food MP) for primary food packaging

#### Primary food packaging applications

Durst Water Technology Food Ink (Durst WT Food MP and Durst WT Food SP) has been tested by an independent testing institute (Swiss Quality Testing Services; SQTS) for its suitability for printing corrugated board and cardboard materials in the primary food packaging sector. In this context, a primary packaging is understood as a carton, box or other packaging made of suitable corrugated or cardboard material to which the digital print is applied on the exterior, non-food-contact side.

The associated testing by the independent institute Swiss Quality Testing Services (SQTS) is based on Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011 and Swiss Consumer Goods Ordinance (cf. Appendix). The test results show that Durst Water Technology Food Ink (Durst WT Food SP and Durst WT Food MP) can, if applicable, potentially be used on the outside of primary food packaging made of corrugated cardboard and paperboard materials, provided that they are used as intended in the dry food sector and with an appropriate and controlled production routine. In this context, it is also confirmed that Durst Water Technology Food Ink (Durst WT Food SP and Durst WT Food SP) is manufactured under GMP-compliant production conditions (Regulation (EC) No. 2023/2006).

Regarding the composition of Durst Water Technology Food Ink (Durst WT Food SP and Durst WT Food MP; cf. Appendix), it is further confirmed that the ink (i) is not formulated on the basis of mineral oils (see SQTS test reports in the Appendix), (ii) uses heavy metal-free organic pigments, (iii) contains no substances of animal origin, (iv) complies with the requirements of the currently applicable Swiss Ordinance, (v) complies with the current valid EuPIA guidelines and (vi) takes into account the currently applicable Nestlé Guidance Note for Packaging Inks (as of October 2018). However, depending on the scope of primary food packaging (e.g., baby products), separate and independent testing by, for example, Nestlé may be required.

It has to be noted that despite the above-mentioned independent screening tests, the responsibility for complying with the legal requirements of the final packaging system remains with the final processor. It is therefore the responsibility of the final processor to have the conformity of each end packaging separately and independently verified.

#### GMP manufacturing

It is herewith confirmed that Durst Water Technology Food Inks are manufactured in compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP): Printing Inks for Food Contact Materials.

The GMP aims to assist in controlling food safety hazards in the design and manufacture of inks, varnishes and coatings designed to be printed onto Food Contact Materials (FCM), and formulated for use on either the non-food contact or the food contact surfaces of food packaging and articles intended to come into contact with food. Products developed and manufactured in compliance with this GMP are supporting manufacturers of food contact materials in supplying products compliant to the applicable legislation in Europe for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food such as the Framework Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004, and GMP Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006.