

Commission Regulation (EC) No 450/2009 of 29 May 2009
on active and intelligent materials and articles intended to
come into contact with food (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 3

Definitions

For the purpose of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) ‘active materials and articles’ means materials and articles that are intended to extend the shelf-life or to maintain or improve the condition of packaged food; they are designed to deliberately incorporate components that would release or absorb substances into or from the packaged food or the environment surrounding the food;
- (b) ‘intelligent materials and articles’ means materials and articles which monitor the condition of packaged food or the environment surrounding the food;
- (c) ‘component’ means an individual substance or a combination of individual substances which cause the active and/or intelligent function of a material or article, including the products of an *in situ* reaction of those substances; it does not include the passive parts, such as the material they are added to or incorporated into;
- (d) ‘functional barrier’ means a barrier consisting of one or more layers of food contact materials which ensures that the finished material or article complies with Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 and with this Regulation;
- (e) ‘releasing active materials and articles’ are those active materials and articles designed to deliberately incorporate components that would release substances into or onto the packaged food or the environment surrounding the food;
- (f) ‘released active substances’ are those substances intended to be released from releasing active materials and articles into or onto the packaged food or the environment surrounding the food and fulfilling a purpose in the food.

Changes to legislation:

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