



# SIEGWERK

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## Product safety

**Siegwerk is a manufacturer of printing inks that maintains an unrivalled, dedicated business unit for product safety (= Global HSE\*) + Sustainability Team). This unit sets the standards and rules, and uncompromisingly implements them worldwide. As a responsible partner, Siegwerk is thereby making a vital contribution to safety and sustainability in the packaging chain.**

Product safety is a very important issue for Siegwerk. This concerns consumer protection on the one hand and long-term trust in the products from Siegwerk and its customers on the other.

To produce and supply the safest and most environmentally compatible printing inks in the world is the ambitious goal of Siegwerk. The team entrusted with this mission at the headquarters in Siegburg maintains structured working relationships with all of Siegwerk's business units worldwide and their technology and customer contact units. It also co-ordinates the six Siegwerk analysis centres in Germany, France, the USA, Brazil, China and India.

On the one hand, Siegwerk's Global HSE & Sustainability Team is involved in the day-to-day customer care processes, for example by completing formal declarations and responding to all sorts of customer inquiries, while on the other it stays in close contact with research and analysis institutions, the supplier companies in the chemical industry as well as authorities and associations.

Team members make important contributions to product safety in numerous industrial associations in the packaging chain. Topics such as REACH and new regulatory provisions for printing inks on food packaging (such as the new Swiss positive list of printing inks with their specific migration threshold values for substances in printing inks) are proactively addressed in conjunction with partners from the packaging and food industries.

We fully adhere to the principle of continuously improving the consumer safety of Siegwerk products, taking account of the latest scientific findings.



The Global HSE Team – a team of experts

### **The raw materials validation process is crucial for safety**

With all raw materials, Siegwerk pursues an exhaustive introduction procedure based on coordinated approval by the central HSE body. Global HSE approval involves satisfying a wide range of criteria. All raw materials used must meet the stringent Siegwerk standards aimed at the prevention of potentially toxic impacts – standards which in certain respects far exceed the statutory requirements.

### **Comprehensive customer support**

Siegwerk's prime objective is to offer its customers specific support in the increasingly complex and ever more extensive area of product safety. Guidance is becoming more and more important for printers. With customer information, guidelines for printers, explanations and interpretations of legal requirements, and personalised customer advice, Siegwerk provides its customers with a service that is much appreciated far and wide.

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\*) HSE = Health Safety Environment