

Dear Sir/Madam

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Food Safety with Vikan hygiene system®

Customers and authorities are making heavy demands on food producing companies to ensure that they are able to provide documentation which demonstrates that they comply with all areas of food safety. One area of compliance is Vikan's fully colour coded cleaning tools and products.

Vikan hygiene system® complies with:

- FDA (Food and Drug Administration in the USA)
- European Commission Regulation (EC)
- FEIBP (European Brushware Federation)

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All products in the Vikan hygiene system® are made from FDA compliant raw materials. The cleaning tools also comply with the regulations of CFR21:

- 177.1500 – Nylon resins
- 177.1520 – Olefin polymers
- 177.1590 – Polyester elastomers
- 177.1630 – Polyethylene phthalate polymers
- 177.1680 – Polyurethane resins
- 177.2420 – Polyester resins, cross-linked
- 177.2600 – Rubber articles intended for repeated use
- 178.3010 – Adjuvant substances used in the manufacture of foamed plastics
- 178.3295 – Clarifying agents for polymers
- 178.3297 – Colorants of polymers

EC (European Legislation)

Vikan hygiene system® complies with the requirements of the EU directive (EC) 2002/72/CE (related to plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs) of 6 August 2002.

In accordance with the EC Commission Regulation no. 1935/2004 of 27 October 2004 and subsequent amendments latest no. 1068 of 13 November 2009, products within the Vikan hygiene system® intended for food contact are marked with the "glass & fork" symbol on the packaging.

As of 1st May 2011 above EC-legislations with amendments will be replaced by regulation no. 10/2011 of 14th January 2011. Regulation no. 10/2011 will be fully implemented no later than 31st December 2015.

FEIBP (European Brushware Federation)

Vikan hygiene system[®] complies with the European Brush Manufacturers' professional Hygiene Brush Charter which ensures high quality professional brushware and complies with all existing hygiene regulations.

Chemical resistance

With regards to the chemical resistance of the plastics we use in the Vikan hygiene system[®], we confirm that the products withstand all approved detergents and sanitizers used within the limits of the recommended dosage levels.

Temperature resistance

For hygienic purposes, it is important to clean the tools regularly after use. This is to avoid contamination of work surfaces the next time your cleaning duties are performed. The method used to maintain the hygienic cleanliness of the cleaning tools varies from industry to industry, according to usage and function.

Washing the tools at 70-100° C for 1 minute will kill most bacteria.

Sanitizing the tools for the correct contact time after cleaning kills remaining bacteria.

Autoclaving the tools at 116° C. for 20 minutes or at 121° for 15 minutes ensures that all living organisms are killed. Extremely pathogenic bacteria are killed when you autoclave at 121° C. for 60 minutes.

Autoclaving the tools at higher temperatures than 121° C. has no hygienic impact.

Please check Vikan's website, www.vikan.com or our general catalogue for further details on temperature resistance for the individual products.

ISO standards

Vikan is quality certified in accordance with the ISO 9001:2008 standard and has an environmental certification according to ISO 14001:2004 standard. This means that all new products are subject to a thorough environmental evaluation before they are launched. In this way, Vikan helps to work towards a cleaner and better environment.

Yours sincerely,



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