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## The EU published revised regulations on food contact materials

On February 2, 2026, the Official Journal of the European Union simultaneously published two revised regulations concerning food contact materials: (EU) 2026/245 and (EU) 2026/250. These regulations adjust the list of authorized substances in Table 1 of the plastics regulation (EU) 10/2011 and revise the ban on bisphenol substances (EU) 2024/3190. Both regulations officially entered into force on the 20th day following their publication. The main updates of the revised regulations are as follows:

The amendments to (EU) 2026/245 are as follows:

FCM substance No	CAS No	Substance name	Main revisions
768	0143925-92-2	amines, di-C14-C20-alkyl, oxidised, from hydrogenated tallow	Modify the name and remove the compliance verification requirements.
1084	1821217-71-3	phosphorous acid, triphenyl ester, polymer with 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol and polypropylene glycol, C10-16 alkyl esters	New authorization for use as an additive, at a concentration of $\leq 0.15\%$ w/w, for polyolefins materials, stored at room temperature or below (including hot filling/heating up to 100°C for $\leq 2$ hours); Not to be used in contact with infant formula and breast milk.
1089	81607-35-4	calcium <i>tert</i> -butylphosphonate	New authorization for use as an additive, at a concentration of $\leq 0.15\%$ w/w, for polyolefins materials, stored at room temperature or below (including heating to 100 °C for $\leq 2$ hours, and heating to 130°C for a short period of <15 minutes); Not to be used in contact with infant formula and breast milk.
1092	1801863-42-2	amines, di-C14-C20-alkyl, oxidised, from hydrogenated vegetable oil	The newly authorized additive, with a usage limit of $\leq 0.1\%$ w/w, is intended for use in polyolefins materials that come into contact with non-fatty foods, stored at room temperature or below (including hot-filling/heating up to 100°C for $\leq 2$ hours); It must not be used in contact with infant formula and breast milk.
1093	1883583-80-9	wax, rice bran, oxidised	New authorization for use as an additive, at a concentration of $\leq 0.3\%$ w/w, for PET, PLA, and rigid PVC materials in contact with non-fatty foods, stored at room temperature or below (including hot-filling/heating up to 100°C for $\leq 2$ hours).
1094	2752-17-2	2,2'-oxydiethylamine	The newly authorized substance is used as a





			comonomer at a concentration of $\leq 14\%$ w/w, copolymerized with adipic acid and caprolactam (or its authorized long-chain homologues) to produce polyamide films with a thickness of $\leq 25 \mu\text{m}$ ; It shall not be used in contact with infant formula and breast milk.
1096	1850357-57-1	wax, rice bran, oxidised, calcium salt	Newly authorized as an additive, at a concentration of $\leq 0.3\%$ w/w, for use in PET, PLA, and rigid PVC materials that come into contact with non-fatty foods, stored at room temperature or below (including hot-filling/heating up to $100^\circ\text{C}$ for $\leq 2$ hours).

The amendments to (EU) 2026/250 are as follows:

- Terminology Correction: The phrase "BPA and its salts" in the original text has been removed and replaced with "BPA" to ensure consistency with the regulatory definition.
- Clarification of the Ban:
  - The use of BPA in the production and sale of food contact materials and articles is explicitly prohibited;
  - Exemption is only permitted for specific applications that comply with the restrictions in Annex II.
- Standardized Testing Methods:
  - The use of appropriate testing methods is mandatory to ensure that products do not contain "residual BPA" or other hazardous bisphenols/derivatives;
  - If a method has been recommended by the EU Reference Laboratory (EURL), that method must be used.
- Transitional Arrangements:
  - For general BPA-related single-use food contact articles: They may be placed on the market for the first time no later than July 20, 2026;
  - For specific uses (e.g., packaging for preserving fruits/vegetables/fish, articles with BPA coatings used only externally): This may be extended to January 20, 2028;
  - For reusable food contact articles already on the market: Depending on the circumstances, they may continue to circulate until July 20, 2027 or January 20, 2029.

Original link: [\(EU\) 2026/245](#); [\(EU\) 2026/250](#)

## HCT SOLUTION:

The release of these two revised regulations signifies the EU's continued strengthening and upgrading of safety regulations for food contact materials, particularly in accelerating efforts to control high-risk substances. HCT advises companies to initiate compliance upgrades as soon as possible, including raw material screening, updating compliance documents, and revising testing plans, to ensure a smooth transition during the transitional period.

