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PERFORMANCE OF PACKAGINGS INCLUDING IBCS

Date of manufacture of inner receptacles of composite IBCs

Transmitted by the International Confederation of Plastics Packaging Manufacturers (ICPP)¹

Background

1. At its July 2008 session, the Sub-Committee decided to regulate the marking of inner receptacles as from 1 January 2011 in a new 6.5.2.2.4 as follows:

“The inner receptacle of composite IBCs manufactured after 1 January 2011 shall bear the markings as specified in 6.5.2.1.1. (b), (c), (d) where this date is that of the manufacture of the plastics inner receptacle, (e) and (f)....”.

2. For the marking (d), the date of the manufacture of the plastics inner receptacle, ICPP proposes to use the clock as an alternative option. During the discussion in the “Cross-Bottling Working Group” at the July session the industry was encouraged to come up with a proposal

¹ In accordance with the programme of work of the Sub-Committee for 2007-2008 approved by the Committee at its third session (refer to ST/SG/AC.10/C.3/60, para. 100 and ST/SG/AC.10/34, para. 14).

allowing this kind of marking of the date of manufacture also for plastics inner receptacles of composite IBCs. This proposal corresponds to the current practice of the IBC manufacturing industry and avoids the cost and time consuming monthly change of a plate in the mould for the production of blow moulded inner receptacles.

Proposal

3. Add a new sentence in 6.5.2.2.4 to read as follows:

“The inner receptacle of composite IBCs manufactured after 1 January 2011 shall bear the markings as specified in 6.5.2.1.1. (b), (c), (d) where this date is that of the manufacture of the plastics inner receptacle, (e) and (f). The UN packaging symbol shall not be applied. The marking shall be applied in the sequence shown. It shall be durable, legible and placed in a location so as to be readily visible when placed in the outer casing.”.

The date of the manufacture of the plastics inner receptacle may alternatively be marked on the inner receptacle in a different place close to the remainder of the marking.

An appropriate method is:


