

To whom it my concern

Product Safety and Regulatory Statement

Essity Professional Hygiene can confirm, that the TORK napkins assortment is safe for the consumer and the intended use, the napkins are developed for.

Essity tissue products are manufactured in compliance with the relevant and actual valid regulations. The napkins are in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and manufactured in accordance with Regulation (EC) 2023/2006 Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) applicable to all Food Contact Materials. All added ingredients/chemicals including dyes and printing inks are chosen after careful evaluation. They are internally assessed to ensure that they are safe for use and are in compliance with the EU regulation REACH and with the German BfR Recommendation XXXVI.

Essity performs regular testing of their products and the conformity of the napkins has been certified. The napkins – white, dyed and/or printed - may come into direct contact with foodstuffs for a short period of time as well as with the human skin and mucous membranes.

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Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Essity paper products

Professional Hygiene and Consumer Tissue Europe

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are synthetic organofluorine chemical compounds summing up to a large family of chemicals containing thousands of different synthetic molecules. PFAS are used in a large variety of industrial, commercial and consumer applications.

Essity does not use per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) or Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in the production of or as additive in our hygiene paper products. There is no technical relevance for these chemicals neither in the production process nor for the needed functionality of hygiene paper products, which are specifically made for their high absorbency characteristics. They are used for wiping and removing liquids, fats and other food spills/ leftovers.

Essity also uses recycled fibers for the production of paper products. The recycled fibers are in accordance with EN 643 – the European List of Standards Grades of Paper and Board for Recycling. Grease resistant paper, e.g. butter and fast food wraps are usually disposed and do not enter the paper recycling stream, those papers are usually not contained in those standard grades of recovered paper, we use in our paper production. However, it can not be excluded, that recycled fibers are contaminated with PFAS used in other paper coatings, inks and adhesives.

PFAS are very persistent, they are ubiquitous and can occur in trace amounts everywhere in the environment (water, soil etc.) as a result of industrial, agricultural and other activities in the past. Therefore the presence of such compounds in trace amounts cannot be excluded although we are not intentionally adding them in our products or using them in our production processes.

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