

Purpose

The purpose of the Japan Hygienic Olefin and Styrene Plastics Association (JHOSPA) is to contribute to the people's life and to encourage the sound development of the plastics-related industry by spreading the use of hygienically appropriate material for food utensils, containers and packaging materials using the thermoplastic resin listed on the preceding page.

Food Utensils, Containers and Packaging Materials and the Food Sanitation Law

Japan's Food Sanitation Law has the following provisions for food utensils, containers and packaging materials

(Each article summarized)

Article 15. Food utensils, containers and packaging materials used on business shall be clean and sanitary.

Article 16. Food utensils, containers and packaging materials which contain or bear such toxic or deleterious substance or those which may damage human health through their contact with such food shall not be manufactured, imported, sold, or used for business.

Article 18. The Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare, from the viewpoint of public health, may establish specifications for food utensils, containers and packaging materials or raw materials thereof intended for food utensils, containers and packaging materials.

Article 15 and 16, which sound abstract, refer to product liability.

Article 16 means not that food utensils, containers and packaging materials should not contain or bear toxic or deleterious substance, but that how to use the relevant substance should not damage human health.

Article 18 is a provision for the specifications. It is established the specifications and its testing methods called "Specification of the individual resin" for each synthetic resin well used for food packaging, and established the specifications and its testing methods called "Common Specification of the resin" for other resins.