

PRESENCE OF BISPHENOL A (BPA) IN THERMAL PAPER

On December 12, 2016, The Regulation (EU) 2016/2235 was approved, which amends Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bisphenol A.

In this regulation **it was determined the obligation, as of January of 2020**, to commercialize thermal paper in a concentration less than 0.02% by weight of Bisphenol A (BPA).

The objective of this measure is to protect consumers, and especially workers, from the harmful effects of exposure to this compound.

AB Medica Group, S.A. LESSA Division goes beyond this legal obligation and **throughout 2019 will manufacture all its paper references without Bisphenol A (BPA free)**. This change will be progressive until the current paper stocks run out. This new quality of paper provides, in addition to safety to people, improved features of the conservation of the printing, from the current 5 years to 12 years for the BPA free.

These features imply an increase in cost of the raw material, which is added to the other increases incurred throughout 2018. We have not reflected those increases to our customers yet but compliance with this last legal framework requires us to conduct a price review during this 2019.

Users will be able to verify that the paper they receive belongs to this new category if the following symbol appears on its label



In order to serve our most demanding customers, we can supply quality paper free of all kinds of Phenols, but always on request. Do not hesitate to ask us for information.

We hope to continue with your support before this new situation. Our main objective is to meet the needs of our customers with the best products and the best service.

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