



January 6, 2005

Mr. Andy Bopp
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Dear Mr. Bopp:

The Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse (TPCH) is pleased to inform you that the Model Toxics in Packaging legislation has been amended to provide for a permanent exemption for glass and ceramic packages with vitrified labels.

The exemption applies when the sample is prepared according to ASTM C1606-04 and tested in accordance with the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure of US EPA Test Method and publication SW-846, 3rd edition, Test Method for Evaluating Solid Waste. The concentration of metals in packaging cannot exceed 1.0 ppm for cadmium, 5.0 ppm for hexavalent chromium and 5.0 ppm for lead. Mercury is not exempted by this provision.

The TPCH and its member states appreciate the efforts of the Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators to work with the TPCH and industry to develop new protocols and standards for sampling glassware. Your efforts provided the necessary assurances to the TPCH and member states to grant this permanent exemption.

We look forward to your continued participation in the Clearinghouse!

Sincerely,

David Westcott
Chair, Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse