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**Statement on the French government's guidelines on mineral oils in printing inks at B&K Offsetdruck GmbH**

With the French law on the circular economy (Loi), the French government has gradually decided to ban the use of mineral oils in printing inks for packaging and certain printed products for the general public, such as unsolicited advertising materials or catalogs for commercial promotions, in Article 112 in 2020.

As mineral oils disrupt recycling cycles or limit the use of recycled materials due to their potential risk to human health, B&K Offsetdruck welcomes the French government's initiative to phase them out of the market.

**Affected by this law are**

- Aromatic mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOAH) with 1 to 7 aromatic rings
- Saturated mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOSH) with 16 to 35 carbon atoms

**Application of this regulation**

Affected Products	- Packaging - Unsolicited promotional products	- Packaging - Unsolicited promotional products - Printed paper for the public
Period	January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	From January 1, 2025
Mineral oil content in printing inks	Allowed if [MOAH1-7 ring] ≤ 1%	Allowed if [MOAH1-7 ring] ≤ 0.1% <b>OR</b> Allowed if [MOAH3-7 ring] ≤ 1 ppm
	No specific requirements for MOSH	Allowed if [MOSH16-C35] ≤ 0.1%

In order to fulfill the requirements for deliveries to the French market, we ask you to inform us at the time of your inquiry and order that the product is intended for the French market in order to ensure internal processing and to take into account the additional costs incurred.

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