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STATEMENT

Position of Smurfit Kappa corrugated boards relative to the French law on mineral oils in printing inks

In 2020, French Authorities published a new law No 2020-105, and relating to the fight against waste and the circular economy, also called "AGEC" law.

Article No 112 of the law bans the use of mineral oils "on" packaging, meaning in printing. French authorities objective is to reduce the input of mineral oils in the recycled fibres loop.

The Ministerial order from April 13th, 2022, details mineral oils in scope and concentrations limits. It will enter into force January 1st, 2023.

- Requirements only concerns the absence of mineral oils in inks used for printing but not from the packaging itself.
- Glues, adhesives, wax, paraffins, coatings are outside of the scope.
- In case of mineral oil-based inks use, the following requirements have been set from 1st January 2023:
 - → If MOAH are present in inks higher than 1%:
 - No MOAH with 1 to 7 aromatic rings
 - No MOSH between C16 to C35

All corrugated board packaging produced by Smurfit Kappa plants and printed either with flexographic, offset, or digital inks comply with the French requirements above.

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