



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

1. **Date** June 13, 2000
2. **Name of Applicant** CONDEA Servo, BV
3. **Address** All communications on this matter are to be sent in care of Counsel for applicant, Devon Wm. Hill, Keller and Heckman LLP, 1001 G Street, N.W., Suite 500 West, Washington, D.C. 20001. Telephone: (202) 434-4279.

4. **Description of the Proposed Action:**

The action proposed in this request is the Agency's review of a Food-Contact Notification, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 348(h)(1), submitted by the notifier for polyethylene glycol mono-isotridecyl ether sulfate, sodium salt when used at levels not to exceed 1 percent as a surface active agent for latex emulsions employed as pigment binders in the manufacture of paper and paperboard in contact with Food Types I, II, IVB, VI (beverages below 15% alcohol by volume), VIIB and VIII.

5. **Environmental Consequences of the Proposed Action:**

a. *Production of the food-contact substance:*

There are no extraordinary circumstances that pertain to the manufacture of the food-contact substance.

b. *Use and disposal of the food-contact substance:*

This action involves a food-contact substance that is a minor component of finished food-packaging materials present at 1 percent-by-weight of the finished packaging materials and remains with the packaging through its use by consumers. The principal routes of environmental introduction of the food-contact substance will result from its disposal in municipal solid waste combustors or in landfills. These disposal routes are governed by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations in 40 C.F.R. Part 60 (for combustors) and Part 258 (for landfills). Based on the low levels of the food-contact substance in the packaging material, introduction of combustion products or introduction at landfill sites are not environmentally significant. Therefore, we do not expect that any limited increase in environmental introductions resulting from the proposed action will threaten a violation of the EPA regulations governing combustors and landfills or have any other adverse environmental effect.

6. Alternative to the proposed action:

Since no potential adverse environmental effects are expected to occur, no alternative actions are necessary.

7. List of Preparers

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8. Certification

The undersigned official certifies that the information provided herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of our knowledge.

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