

NAPIM Newsletter Regulatory Article

EuPIA Visit 2018

George Fuchs attended the EuPIA Environmental/Technical Committee (ETC) meeting in November 2018. This is part of an ongoing initiative to create improved coordination with the European Printing Ink Association (EuPIA) on regulatory and technical topics.

SDS Classification Committee

NAPIM has formed a member (suppliers and ink manufacturers) to review the health hazard classifications of input raw materials used in printing ink formulations. The NAPIM Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Committee is attempting to identify chemicals used in ink formulations provided by a range of suppliers that have disparate/different health hazard classifications. The committee intends to review the health hazard classification data to for these materials explain the differences, clarify confusing requirements or recommend a consensus classification. Our goal is to eliminate, to the extent possible, the use of ink formulation SDS's (health hazard classifications) as a marketing tool or advantage. Please take this brief, two question survey.

FDA Project - Guideline for Printing Ink on Food Packaging

The project is proceeding with the development of the risk assessment algorithms for submission to the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Three essential components critical to the completion of the risk assessment algorithms were submitted to the contractor in March 2019:

- Accurate assessment of annual production of food packaging printing inks
- Current example formulations of all food packaging inks
- Current list of specific input raw materials of interest (polymers and pigments)

We anticipate having a proposal for FDA review in late May 2019.