



Certification of d₂w



This is to certify the following verification of the technical specification and performance of d₂w

d₂w is an additive formulation that renders conventional polyolefins oxo-biodegradable.

“Oxo-biodegradation” is “degradation identified as resulting from oxidative and cell-mediated phenomena, either simultaneously or successively” (“Terminology in the field of degradable and biodegradable Polymers and Plastics” CEN/TR 15351).

Polyolefin products made with d₂w additive will abiotically degrade in the presence of oxygen. Degradation has been proved in accordance with the requirements of ASTM 6954-04 by passing ASTM 5510 (RAPRA Report 46095).

The ability of d₂w products to comply with the biotic (biodegradation) tests of ASTM 6954-04 has been demonstrated by the loss of molecular mass achieved after abiotic thermal degradation, resulting in ultimate biodegradation of the material into CO₂, water, mineral salts and biomass (RAPRA Report 46303, Pyxis report 30.7.05, and DPPA Chapt. 3, Eco-sigma Report Sept. 2008).

The eco-toxicity sections of EN 13432 and ASTM 6954-04 require that no harmful residues are left - this has been verified for d₂w additive. (OWS Report MST-4/1- d₂wb&d₂wc, Eco-Sigma Report Sept. 2008).

d₂w additive does not contain heavy metals (defined by 94/62/EC Art 11 as lead, mercury, cadmium, or hexavalent chromium).

d₂w additive is safe for direct food-contact according to the European Union requirements for Direct Food Contact 1935/2004/EC and the US FFDC Act and regulations (RAPRA report 46137, and Keller & Heckman certificate 18.2.2009). It is the responsibility of the manufacturers of products intended for food-contact to ensure that all other materials incorporated by them comply with those requirements.

If polymer products are correctly made with d₂w, the additive will have no effect upon the strength and other performance characteristics of the product during its programmed service-life.

Polymer products correctly made with d₂w comply with the Essential Requirements of the EU Packaging Waste Directive 94/62/EC Annex II paras. 1, 2 and 3(a) (b) and (d).

In addition to the above, d₂w Additives and finished products have been extensively tested, according to the test methods prescribed in the UAE Standard 5009/2009 and BS8472.

d₂w products can meet AFNOR TC51-808 Accord.

d₂w oxo-biodegradable plastics are not currently intended for composting.

If sent to landfill d₂w oxo-biodegradable plastics will degrade in aerobic conditions. In anaerobic conditions they become inert and will not emit methane.

d₂w oxo-biodegradable plastics can be recycled together with ordinary oil-based plastics. For long-life products, stabilisers should be added if necessary.

Symphony's d₂w® technology is the only oxo-biodegradable plastic additive certified by ABNT under the Environmental Quality – Eco-Label program Internationally accredited by INMETRO – Certificate no 365.001/14

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