

Food Contact Alliance Summary of Meeting--September 27, 2004

Thirty-four individual company representatives participated either in person or by conference call. Bostik Findley and Bryce Corporation have joined the alliance, bringing the total to 32 member companies.

The legal status of the FCN within RadTech was reviewed. It is a self-funded RadTech Focus Group, operating under the RadTech by-laws. All funds are kept separate from general RadTech funds, and any extraordinary costs are billed back to the FCN by RadTech.

Concerns about the FCN Alliance being too secretive are an incorrect perception. The Alliance makes a Focus Group report at all membership meetings and to the RadTech Board, a summary of meeting minutes is posted on the RadTech web page, and visitors can be invited to meetings under the FCN Alliance operating guidelines. Membership in the FCN Alliance remains open to any company that wishes to participate. The only information limited to member companies is data to be submitted in support of the FCN.

The Film Degradation Committee has found evidence that EB processing in an inert atmosphere does not cause polymers to chemically degrade, but can cause a physical degradation (weakens the film integrity). There is no adverse effect on FDA compliance for EB processed films. The Alliance members voted to have Tom Dunn prepare a publication to report the committee findings.

The Screening Committee reported that the list of "workhorse materials" has been identified, and an experimental design and test protocol have been developed. EB processing of coated substrate already is complete. Migration testing will be run at two separate labs.

The Toxicology Committee is still collecting tox data; no "show stoppers" so far. Based on new favorable tox data, the EU Commission has just revoked previously planned controls on use of BADGE for food contact. A toxicology strategy has been developed for presenting data to FDA. The consensus is that FCN members are benefiting already from a much more sophisticated understanding of the food packaging approval process, and that we are still on track to submit a FCN in late 2005.

The thirty charter Members of the FCN Alliance are:

Alcan Packaging	Lamberti USA
Alcoa, Inc	Liofol, div. of Henkel Adhesives
Amgraph Packaging	Meade Westvaco
Ashland Specialty Chemicals	Nordson Corp.

Bayer Polymers LLC	INX International
Bostik Findley	Northwest Coatings
Bryce Corp.	Petroferm Inc.
Coating & Adhesive Corp.	PPG Industries
Cognis Corp.	Printpack Inc.
Color Converting	Rahn USA
Dixie Packaging	Rock-Tenn Co.
Energy Sciences, Inc	Rohm & Haas Co
Fusion UV Systems	Sartomer Co.
Gidue SpA	Sealed Air
Graphics Packaging	UCB Surface Specialties
HB Fuller	Valspar Corp.