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Dear Connie

GEON 87697-COLOURS

As you know there is no EC list of colours approved for use in food-contact plastics - such a list will be prepared eventually but is unlikely to appear before 1994/95. In the meantime, use of colours will be regulated in 2 ways:

1. National lists where these exist (see earlier NATEC comment on Germany).
2. Compliance with the general "freedom from harm" clause of the EC legislation covering food contact materials.

Satisfying (2) can only be assessed on a product-by-product basis, but application of the German criteria stated by NATEC ("zero" migration) would seem reasonable.

Since there is a list of EC-approved colours for direct food additive use, this list would also seem to provide a reasonable starting point for colours acceptable for food-contact use. Neither Ultramarine Violet No/5 or Ultramarine Blue No. 29 are on this list under these names, but do you know their Colour Index numbers so we can check if they are listed under another name?

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Yours sincerely

Kind regards

Finally, the Council of Europe's Expert Committee on Food-Contact Materials has produced a report in 1989 about colourants in plastics - I will try to obtain a copy for you.