



# **ALL INDIA PRINTING INK MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION LTD.**

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**To,**

***The Members of the All India Printing Ink Manufacturers Association.***

*Dear Members,*

**Re: Forwarding of the Printing Ink for Food Packaging Code of Practice (IS: 15495:2020)**

*Hope this letter find you safe and healthy during this Covid-19, pandemic.*

*As you may be all aware the AIPIMA, had represented during the marathon discussion/meeting organized by the BIS, over the proposed ban on use of Toluene Solvents for formulation of printing inks intended to be used for food packaging.*

*The Indian Standard is approved by the Chemical Division of Council, based on the draft finalized by the Inks, stationery and allied products sectional committee.*

*The copy of the IS: 15495:2020, Printing Ink for Food Packaging Code, is forwarded for the reference of members, to be followed and practiced. The code includes the general guidelines for exclusion of certain substances from printing ink formulations intended for use in food packages, particularly prohibition of Toluene as a solvent, also the responsibility of the Printers and packaging designers.*

*The Ink manufacturers are required to make every effort with the supply chain to ensure that impurities are kept at minimum level. MSDS would also be required to be declared by the ink manufacturers.*

*Hope you will find the documents useful for compliances during the business activities. Best Wishes from AIPIMA.*

*Thanking You,*

*Yours Truly,*

*(R. Sridharan)  
Vice President  
For AIPIMA*