

PRESS RELEASE

Food service manufacturer Roltex embraces sustainable innovation beyond going BPA-free with IMCD

Erembodegem & Rotterdam (27 May 2025) – Food service manufacturer Roltex and its Swedish sister company Mälarplast are ahead of the 2026 enforcement of the ban on Bisphenol A (BPA) in the European Union. Together with their partner IMCD, the companies have enhanced their entire line with an innovative, BPA-free copolyester. This new material not only meets regulatory requirements but also enhances product durability and supports recyclability, demonstrating a proactive commitment to sustainable innovation.

Roltex, a European manufacturer of durable food service products is working with its sister company in Sweden, Mälarplast, not only to adhere to the regulation but to also take this opportunity for sustainable innovation. With IMCD's support in material selection, they have opted for a copolyester that is not only BPA-free but improves their products with enhanced durability, clarity and heat resistance for everything from trays to table- and drinkware. The selected material is also recyclable at scale using molecular recycling technology, enabling closed-loop systems that align with circular economy principles. As their distribution partner, IMCD will also ensure a smooth supply for uninterrupted production.

The ban on Bisphenol A (BPA) and other bisphenols in materials used for food-contact applications came into force on 20 January 2025 across the European Union. That started the clock on an 18-month transition period, allowing the industry time to adapt without disrupting their supply chain too much.

*“We’ve always set the bar high when it comes to product quality.” says **Maarten Stallinga Munhoz**, CEO at Roltex. “We’re making strong progress with the current transition, and in a later phase, we plan to incorporate recycled content into our production process, further delivering on our commitment to sustainability.”*

*“Finding the right alternatives starts with understanding the products, their uses, and the manufacturer’s sustainability goals,” explains IMCD Advanced Material’s **Tim Toth**, Sales & Product Manager. “Both Roltex and Mälarplast are committed to a long-term approach and we can support them every step of the way in their journey.”*



Roltex and Mälarplast, with IMCD's support in material selection, launch BPA-free copolyester innovation for food service applications such as trays and table- and drinkware. (Photo: Roltex)



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Maarten Stallinga Munhoz, CEO at Roltex (Photo: Roltex)



Tim Toth, Sales & Product Manager, IMCD Advanced Material (Photo: IMCD)

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About Roltex

Roltex is your trusted partner when it comes to durable food service products. As a service brand, we focus on building lasting relationships with our partners, forming a team and writing success stories together.

We don't just sell products; we like to offer solutions. By always thinking ahead and trying to find new and better courses of action, we aim to create a first-class experience all along the line. With our production in Belgium and partner production in Sweden, we excel in quality, design and innovation, all made in Europe.

We are here to create great experiences by adding value to every process of serving food. And we work hard every day towards a more sustainable future, striving to be the greenest manufacturer, using environmentally friendly materials and developing renewable and sustainable products.

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About Mälarplast

Mälarplast is Sweden's greenest plastics company, a complete supplier of environmental and customised technical plastic solutions. We work quickly and tailor our products to suit the needs and wishes of our customers – supplying everything from “just” plastic components to complete, pre-packaged system solutions. Sustainability is always a priority for us. This, together with short lead times and a supply reliability rate of almost 100%, makes us a leader in our industry.

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About IMCD Group

IMCD Group, headquartered in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, is a leading global partner for the distribution and formulation of speciality chemicals and ingredients. A strong, innovative business partner and solutions provider for producers of consumer, industrial and durable goods in multiple business sectors: Advanced Materials, Beauty & Personal Care, Coatings & Construction, Food & Nutrition, Home Care and Industrial & Institutional Care (I&I), Industrial Solutions, Lubricants & Energy, and Pharmaceuticals.

In partnership with our suppliers, we offer a broad and deep product portfolio. With our over 80 application laboratories across 60 countries, we co-create formulations and offer 'Sustainable Solutions' that allow our business partners to make products with a positive impact on the world of today, and tomorrow. Our teams focus on providing commercial and operational excellence, using the best digital and logistics tools available to create a world of opportunity for our partners.

In 2024, with over 5,100 employees, IMCD realised revenues of EUR 4,728 million. IMCD N.V.'s shares are traded at Euronext Amsterdam (symbol: IMCD) and are included in the Dutch ESG AEX index, as one of 25 companies within the AEX and AMX indices demonstrating best ESG practices.

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