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Object : RoHS compliance of Cascades and Norampac packaging.

As a follow-up to your inquiry regarding the compliance of Cascades (and Norampac) products to directive 2002/95/EC (also known as RoHS) of the European Parliament, we are pleased to inform you that we do not intentionally add any of the six banned substances (lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, PBB and PBDE) to our products. However, our products, as any others, may contain traces of these banned substances coming from contamination.

The lead, mercury, cadmium and hexavalent chromium content of the boards produced by the mills listed below are tested for each year and we can assure you that these chemicals are either not detected or in a concentration that poses no human health risk, as described in the *Recycled Paperboard Technical Association (RPTA) Chemical Testing Protocol for Food Contact Paperboard Made from Recycled Fibres*. The amounts of heavy metals allowed by this protocol are very conservative, as they are based on a "eat the box" estimate and chronic toxicity data. The limits stated by this protocol are much lower than most of the actual standards for heavy metals such as CONEG, ASTM F963-03 and 16 CFR 1303. The limit for total heavy metals content (lead, mercury, cadmium and hexavalent chromium) is well below 100 ppm.

As for PBB and PBDE, they are not used in the pulp and paper industry and should therefore not be found in significant amounts in any of our products. If there are other details or concerns you would like us to address on this topic, please let us know and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Kindest regards,

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Cascades Canada inc. divisions participating to the RPTA Protocol



Cascades Boxboard Group – East Angus
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Cascades East Angus
Cascades Forma-Pak
Cascades Papier Kingsey Falls
Cascades Tissue Group - Candiac



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