

Cosmo Plastech attains globally recognized FSSC 22000 for food packaging.

- FSSC 22000 (Food Safety System Certification) has requirements on food waste for delivering on UN SDG commitments.
- Cosmo Plastech is into rigid sustainable packaging solutions servicing Food Packaging, FMCG, Electronics, Food Outlets etc.

New Delhi, 16 January 2024: Cosmo First Ltd. is pleased to announce that Cosmo Plastech (rigid sheets, Thermoforming & Injection Molding) has attained the FSSC 22000 food safety certification, a mandatory requirement for the packaging material coming in direct contact with food. FSSC 22000 contains requirements that help companies address risk in multiple areas from food fraud, food defense, food safety and quality culture, quality control, allergen management and environmental monitoring programs.

This certification is based on the existing internationally recognized standard ISO 22000 and complemented by technical standards, such as ISO TS 22002-1 for food manufacturing and ISO TS 22002-4 for packaging manufacturing. Further, this is also consistent with other standards, such as ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 (including the alignment with ISO High Level Structure).

The FSSC 22000 certification includes several benefits for the company and stakeholders such as:

- Commitment to identify, evaluate, and control food safety hazards to avoid consumer harm directly or indirectly.
- Helps in meeting food quality/safety requirements and legal compliance.
- Provide a tool for food safety performance improvement, and the means to monitor and measure food safety performance effectively.
- Develop a good food safety culture which in turn improves customer confidence and aids in acquiring competitive advantages.

Sharing his views on the certification, **Mr Pankaj Poddar, Group CEO, Cosmo First Limited**

The Global market is distinguished by its significant youth population, leading to a booming demand for fast food and packaged food. This trend indicates substantial growth potential for the food packaging sector. Therefore, obtaining the FSSC 22000 certification is a positive step for us as a group, enabling enhanced service to the industry.”

Commenting on this achievement, **Mr. Sanjay Chincholikar, Business Head - Rigid Packaging** said, “Achieving FSSC 22000 certification exemplifies our commitment to food safety and quality. Earning this rigorous accreditation required demonstrating a systematic and meticulous approach to food packaging production. We understand the critical role food packaging plays in safeguarding public health. By achieving FSSC 22000 certification, we take a proactive stance in guaranteeing the safety of both our clients and their end consumers.”

The Food Safety System Certification FSSC 22000 is applicable for the scope of sheet extrusion, thermoforming, injection molding, dry offset printing and/or sleeving of PP & HIPS based rigid plastic cups, lids, trays and sheets for food packaging application.

About Cosmo First Limited:

Established in 1981 and founded by Mr. Ashok Jaipuria, Cosmo First is a global leader in specialty films and an emerging player in specialty chemicals (Masterbatches, Adhesive, & Coating), Cosmo Plastech and Cosmo Sunshield, along with a digital-first Omni channel Pet care business under the brand name 'Zigly'. Cosmo First is into D2C, B2B2C and B2B businesses and has operations in India, Japan, Korea and USA. Visit www.cosmofirst.com for more details.

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