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Direct Pack
1055 W. 8th St.
Azusa, CA 91702

Dear sir,

This letter is to inform you that your product labeled "10x8 PaperLuxe Base (10x8 Tray PE)" (aka 9x7 PaperLuxe Base, 8x6 PaperLuxe Base, 6x4 PaperLuxe Base, 600cc Bowl) has passed Western Michigan University Old Corrugated Container Equivalency (WMU OCC-E) testing protocol.

OCC-E test protocol was developed modeling the Fiber Boxboard Associations (FBA) wax coating replacement protocol. The FBA members represent about 95% of the corrugators in the United States. The protocol was developed using untreated OCC as the control. OCC is one of the most sought after and valuable sources of fibers in the secondary scrap stream.

The protocol is repulping, screening and cleaning a 100% control untreated OCC vs. a blend of 80% control and 20% treated. Operational impact must be acceptable and hand sheets are tested from both for performance and appearance properties. The treated cannot reduce strength or diminish appearance properties.

FTC guide lines (FTC Greenguides **§ 260.6 Certifications and Seals of Approval)** requires for the use of a recyclable symbol by manufacturers they must have third party independent testing and certification. WMU Pilot Plants qualify as a FTC third party testing facility. All recyclable labeling and claims made must conform to FTC guide lines (FTC Greenguides **§ 260.12 Recyclable Claims)**.

Congratulations on your product passing the WMU OCC-E protocol and helping to improve our environment!

Sincerely,

Shawn Mortimore
Associate Director
WMU Pilot Plants