

## Safe-Seal Adhesives Slash Risk of Allergic Reactions from Packaging

**E**UKALIN Spezial-Klebstoff Fabrik, a maker of specialty adhesives for the paper and packaging industries, has announced test results confirming a significant reduction in the risk of allergic reactions from its SAFE-SEAL cold seal adhesive family. Conducted by England's prestigious independent testing institute, the Leatherhead Food Institute of Surrey, England, the tests underscore EUKALIN's commitment to developing adhesive solutions that serve consumers and the packaging industry equally well.

The Leatherhead tests follow up on a 2006 study published by the same institute showing a significant risk amongst consumers of strong allergic reactions to conventional cold seal adhesive systems based on nat-

ural latex. That report cited the potential for severe allergic reactions, including in some cases serious anaphylactic shock, in consumers with latex allergies.

According to EUKALIN, the company has been on top of allergy concerns in a proactive approach that led to the creation of its SAFE-SEAL cold seal adhesive lineup some time ago. The latest series of Leatherhead test confirms that SAFE-SEAL significantly

reduces the number of critical allergens in sealing material, supporting the conclusion that the allergy risks of the company's new SAFE-SEAL products are significantly lower than is the case with standard systems using conventional technologies. The level of allergenic proteins in SAFE-SEAL is clearly lower than in these conventional systems, which means a significant reduction in the risk of allergic reactions in consumers. The technical characteristics of the

new cold seal adhesives are absolutely comparable to those of adhesives currently in use. Switching to the new products is completely noncritical for foil processors and packers, said EUKALIN in conversation with TNI. ■

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