

TOSHIBA TEC APPROVED RIBBONS COMPLY WITH EUROPEAN REGULATIONS ON DIRECT FOOD CONTACT

The food industry has had to conform to European Union (EU) regulations on traceability since January 1st, 2005.

EU regulation 178/2002/EC on General Food Law and in particular **Article 18** requires all food and feed businesses supplying products in the EU to be able to establish traceability. This includes the suppliers of food, feed, food-producing animals and any other substance intended to be or expected to be incorporated into a food or feed at all stages of production, processing and distribution.

Companies can protect themselves against failing to comply to these directives by automating their supply chain using simple barcode technologies; Thermal Transfer printing remains the most popular and preferred solution for printing barcodes, however, printing barcodes for and within the food industry required the use of inks that are approved for contact with foodstuff.

Toshiba TEC approved ribbons.

Part of the approval process of the branded ribbon range is that we are able to offer our customer base the ribbons that are best suited for the application. There are a number of ribbons within the approved product range that are certified and approved for direct food contact. Our most popular and biggest selling black and colour ribbons have been analysed and approved for food contact applications according to **EU directive 1935/2004/EC and/or BGA standard and/or FDA CFR 175.105. ADD EU and FDA LOGOS**

For more information or to obtain food contact certificates please contact your Toshiba TEC dealer or contact us direct.