

Survey for Manufacturers of Biobased Food Service Products and Food Packaging

Company Name
Contact Name/ Title
Address (city, state, country)
Phone
Email

Note to manufacturer: Please complete the survey questions for any **biobased food service ware or food packaging products** manufactured by your company or sold under your company name. If the answers to the survey questions vary according to product (cutlery, cups, bowls, plates, lids, trays, straws, clamshells or other food containers/ packaging), product line or brand name, please complete a separate response column accordingly. Add additional

	Survey Question	Response Format	Response Product 1	Response-Product(s)/ Product Line 2	Response-Product(s)/ Product Line 3
Q1a	Product (s)	Example: bowls			
Q1b	Name of product line, if applicable	Example: Compostaware			
Q1c	Brand name, if applicable	Example: Innovation			
Q1d	Intended application (hot, cold, both)	Example: hot or cold			
Q1e	Heat tolerance (°F)	Example: 190°F			
Q1f	Location of manufacturing plant	city, state/ province, country			
Q2a	Product organic carbon content*	Minimum percentage of product			
		Maximum percentage of product			
		Average percentage of product			
Q2b	Product biobased content*	Minimum percentage of product			
		Maximum percentage of product			
		Average percentage of product			
Q2c	Product ash/mineral content	Minimum percentage of product			
		Maximum percentage of product			
		Average percentage of product			
Q3a	Type(s) of biobased material used and manufacturer (s), if applicable	For example: PLA (NatureWorks or other), Mater-Bi (Novamont), or bagasse			
Q3b	Geographical source(s) of biobased material	city, state/province, country			
Q3c	Are the biobased materials sourced from plants grown from genetically modified	Yes or No			
	If no , is the product certified genetically modified organism (GMO)-free?	Yes or No. If yes, submit copy of certificate.			
	If yes , have you purchased GMO-offsets, Working Landscape Certificates,** or another program to offset a portion or all of the GMO	Yes or No. If yes, list type(s) of offsets.			
	If yes , do you have plans to switch to a non-GMO source?	Yes or No. If yes, indicate the month and year you plan to certify that this product line or product contains only non-GMO			
Q3d	Are you taking any other steps to source sustainably produced agricultural feedstocks? (For example, reduced use of synthetic	Yes or No. If yes, list other steps.			
Q3e	If the product is made from virgin harvested wood fiber, is the biobased material certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) or	Yes, No, or N/A. If yes, list certification and attach copy of certificate.			

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	If no , do you have plans to switch to a FSC-certified or other certified source?	Yes, No, or N/A. If yes, indicate the month and year you plan to certify that this product line contains only FSC-certified or			
Q3f	If the product includes recycled wood fiber, please indicate the percent of total recycled fiber and post-consumer fiber and describe the materials used.	% total recycled content or N/A			
		% post-consumer or N/A			
		Materials used			
Q4a	Were chlorine or chlorine compounds (including chlorine dioxide) used for bleaching, sanitization, or other uses in the	Yes or No. Note: do not check "no" if your product is classified as elemental chlorine free but was produced using chlorine			
Q4b	Are engineered nanomaterials intentionally added to the product or surface treatments?	Yes or No			
Q4C	Complete table in worksheet Q4C to provide information on chemical additives. (Note: This does not require disclosure of actual chemical	Fill in worksheet Q4C			
Q4d	Have any organohalogen-based chemicals been added to the product or used in surface treatments, or are any organohalogen-based chemicals known to be present in the product or surface treatments?	Added: Yes or No			
		Known to be present: Yes or No			
Q4e	Have all of the additives used in the product (including surface treatments) been comprehensively tested for the hazards they may pose to human health and the environment? (Note: "Comprehensive testing" includes data on a chemical's persistence	Yes, No, or Don't know			
Q5a	Is the product certified compostable by one or more of the following certification organizations or programs: Biodegradable Products Institute (US), AIB Vincotte Inter (Belgium), Australian Environmental Labeling	Yes or No. If yes, please list those that apply and attach a copy of certificate.			
Q5b	If the product has not been certified compostable by one of the organizations listed in Q5a, has the product been tested by a lab and proven to meet either of the following standards: Standard Specification for Compostable Plastics (ASTM D 6400-04) or	Yes, No, or N/A (per Q5a). If yes, please indicate which standard has been met and submit a copy of lab results. For a list of reliable labs, go to http://www.bpiworld.org/BPI-Public/Programs/Labs.html .			
Q5c	Is this product certified as home/backyard compostable?	Yes or No. If yes, which certification(s) do you have (for example, OK Compost HOME). Submit copy of certificate.			
Q5d	Please describe any efforts your company is making to ensure your products are composted or recycled at the end of the useful life. For example, describe how the product is	Narrative, if applicable			

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Q5e	Is this product currently being composted in one or more programs?	Yes, No, or Don't know. If yes, please identify the communities or venues currently using and composting this			
Q5f	Is this product biodegradable in the marine environment?	Yes, No, or Don't know. If yes, indicate certification(s) or test(s). For example, used ASTM D7081-05 to determine			
Q6	Sheet(s) and Certification(s)/Test Results (as requested above).				
Q7	Please describe any other plans you have to improve the environmental performance of	Narrative, if applicable.			
* Per ASTM D6866-05, the U.S. government approved method for determining biobased content.					
** Working Landscape Certificates cover a broad range of sustainable agricultural practices in addition to prohibiting use of GE seeds (www.iatp.org/ruralcommunities/project_workinglandscapes.cfm).					
N/A = not applicable.					