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Stefano Guisti
AFC Packaging
14 Walter Ct.
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

Dear Mr. Guisti,

This letter is to inform you that your product labeled “Naturitalia” 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