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New black glass product

Dear Sirs

The European Federation of Glass Recyclers FERVER has noticed that Owens Illinois recently has launched a new black glass product (source: Packagingnews.co.uk). This new product has attracted our special attention.

If we are well informed this black glass which will enter the market of spirits, wine, beer and food, will be manufactured differently from the standard colour feeder method of colouring. One difference would be that the new process enables the same series of checks to be used in all production lines without a need for line modification. So far certain quality checks could not be performed due to the opacity of the colour.

As the European Federation of Glass Recyclers FERVER is very interested in this new product and its recyclability we would like to ask you for the following information :

1. In general: Has the recyclability of this new product been tested and if so, what were the results?
2. In which colour of the bottle banks has the black glass to be collected and delivered back to the furnace?
3. Does this new black glass contain a level of more than 200 ppm Pb?
4. Are there any differences in chemical composition between transparent glass and this new black glass?

5. Will this glass if mixed up in the furnace ready cullet be influencing the melt of standard transparent glass?
6. Will O-I accept a presence of more than 10 % of this new black glass in standard green, mixed or amber cullet?
7. Does this black glass influence the colour of the flint bottle production if present with more than 5% in the flint cullet?

We are very grateful for your kind attention.
Kind regards



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