EWG SMART PICKS

PFAS-free cookware application checklist

Have this ready before you apply.

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1. PFAS documentation

- ☐ Link to a public PFAS-free declaration on your brand's website
- ☐ Link to a public AB 1200 chemical-disclosure page (no intentionally added PFAS disclosed)
- ☐ TOF (total organic fluorine) test report — one per product-line, result below 50 ppm, with method and detection limit stated and below 20ppm
  Not required for uncoated metals such as stainless steel, carbon steel, or cast iron.
- ☐ Written confirmation that your manufacturing line does not co-produce PFAS-containing products.

2. Heavy metals — full leaching panel

One migration test report per product line as outlined in the criteria document. Testing per CoE Resolution CM/Res(2020)9 and the EDQM Technical Guide, 2nd ed. (2024), under JRC-assigned conditions. Reporting limit no higher than the applicable migration limit for each element. Fired and glazed ceramic articles: tested per Directive 84/500/EEC (4% v/v acetic acid, 22 ± 2 °C, 24 ± 0.5 h) rather than the 100 °C/2 h protocol. **All six metals must pass**, and any additional elements reported must meet EDQM specific release limits:

- ☐ Lead — migration ≤ 0.010 mg/kg food
- ☐ Cadmium — migration ≤ 0.005 mg/kg food
- ☐ Arsenic — migration ≤ 0.002 mg/kg food
- ☐ Aluminum — migration ≤ 5.0 mg/kg food
- ☐ Nickel — migration ≤ 0.14 mg/kg food
- ☐ Chromium III — migration ≤ 1.0 mg/kg food

3. Total lead content

- ☐ One test report per product line, substrate and coating combined, ≤ 90 ppm. Applies to all product types.

4. Product & brand info

- [ ] Product-line name, individual product names and GTINs
- [ ] Product imagery (if available)

Questions before you apply?

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This checklist is a quick-reference guide — see the full EWG Smart Picks criteria for more detail.