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Jacob Taylor  
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Dear Jacob,

This letter is to inform you that your product labeled “Clear and White PET Paperboard Tray (PT115-BR aka White Dish)” has passed Western Michigan University SBS Equivalency (WMU SBS-E) testing protocol. Please see the attached list of additional SKU’s that fall under this certification.

SBS-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 uncoated SBS as the control. SBS 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 uncoated SBS vs. a blend of 85% control and 15% treated. Operational impact must be acceptable and hand sheets are tested from both for strength and optical properties. The treated cannot reduce strength or diminish optical 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 SBS-E protocol and helping to improve our environment!

Sincerely,

Shawn Mortimore  
Associate Director  
WMU Pilot Plants