



Environmental specifications

F-535(5) food, beverage, and storage products - compostable

Compostable product specifications and certifications

The compostable products are intended for use in an organics diversion program, where organics are sent to commercial composting facilities.

A) All products must be commercially compostable.

- Products must be certified or recognized by one or more of the following certification organizations or programs:
 - Biodegradable Products Institute (U.S.)
 - AIB Vinçotte Inter: OK Compost (Belgium)
 - Australian Environmental Labeling Association
 - Japan BioPlastics Association
 - DIN CERTCO (European Union)
 - Cedar Grove Commercially Accepted Items
- Products made of 100% paper or wood, that are uncoated and unlined (such as wooden stir sticks or uncoated paper plates) are considered commercially compostable without a certification.

B) All compostable plastic products offered must bear a clearly visible, easily distinguishable label or marking indicating the product's ability to be composted.

- The text of the product's label or marking must include the word "COMPOSTABLE."
- The label or marking must be present on each individual item.
- The State prefers the label or marking to be green in color and to include the logo of the certifying body.

C) Product may not contain perfluorinated grease barrier compounds. Bidders shall provide affidavits from manufacturer, guaranteeing that perfluorinated compounds were not used or added as the product was made.