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DIC Corporation

***FINART*[®] BM, Japan’s First Biomass Gravure Ink for Reverse Printing, Obtains OK compost INDUSTRIAL and OK compost HOME Certification**

Tokyo, Japan—DIC Corporation announced today that in June 2021 wholly owned subsidiary DIC Graphics Corporation obtained both OK compost INDUSTRIAL and OK compost HOME certification—global endorsements of the biodegradability of plastics—for its *FINART*[®] BM biomass gravure ink for reverse printing. This is the first time a gravure ink sold in Japan has been certified under the OK compost program.



OK compost marks

OK compost certification is awarded by TÜV AUSTRIA.* Products bearing the OK compost INDUSTRIAL mark are guaranteed to be biodegradable in an industrial composting plant and to yield a material that is safe for the environment, i.e., for plants and animals. Products featuring the OK compost HOME mark are guaranteed to be biodegradable in an ordinary home garden compost heap. Products displaying either of these marks, when composted under appropriate conditions, produce a material that can be used safely and without hindering new plant growth.

Designed for use on packaging for food and other daily commodities, *FINART*[®] BM is a high-performance biomass gravure ink that delivers both excellent physical properties and superb printability, as well as contains environment-friendly, sustainable plant-derived raw materials. In Japan, this unique ink has also earned the Biomass Mark, which is granted by Japan Organics Recycling Association. Used together with biodegradable films, adhesives and other materials, *FINART*[®] BM will help facilitate the production of fully compostable packaging.

The DIC Group currently provides offers a variety of OK compost–certified gravure inks in North America, Europe and Asia. Looking ahead, the Group will also emphasize collaborating with other packaging materials manufacturers in the domestic market to develop environment-friendly offerings.

In line with its goal of providing packaging solutions that support the environmental sustainability, the DIC Group's will continue focus efforts on realizing alternative packaging materials that are recyclable or otherwise reflect consideration for the environment. In so doing, the Group hopes to contribute to the achievement of carbon-neutrality and a circular economy.

* TÜV AUSTRIA is a leading global certification body for biodegradable products based in Europe.
<https://www.tuv-at.be/green-marks/>

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