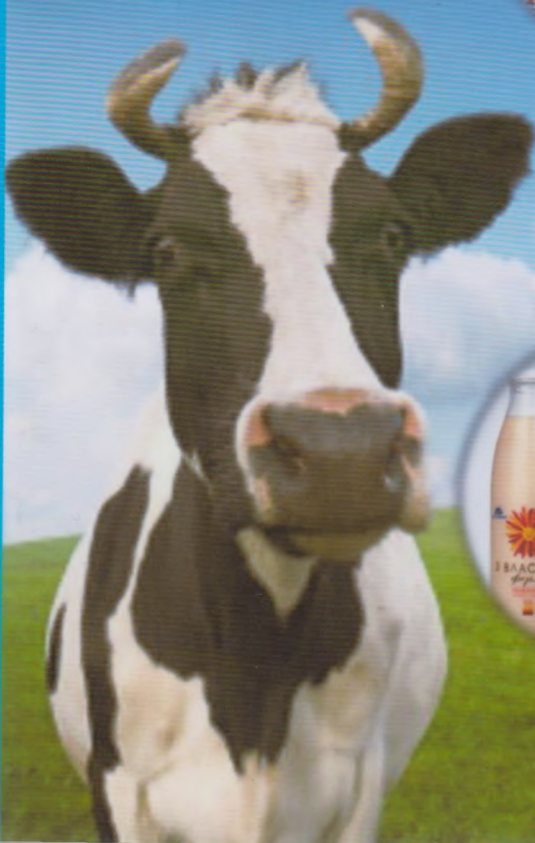


# Packaging of Dairy Products



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**History of Package Development**

**1.1 INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY OF PACKAGE DEVELOPMENT**

**1.1.1 Changes in packaging to meet society's needs**

1. Packaging is not a recent phenomenon.
2. Packaging is an activity closely associated with the evolution of society and, can be traced back to human beginnings.
3. The nature, degree, and amount of packaging at any stage of a society's growth reflect the needs, cultural patterns, material availability and technology of that society.
4. A study of changing roles of packaging and forms over the centuries is a study of the growth of civilization.
5. Social changes are inevitably reflected in the way we package, deliver and consume goods.

**1.1.2 The origins of packaging**

1. We don't know what the first package was, but we can certainly speculate.
2. Primitive humans: nomadic hunter / gatherers lived off the land. Social groupings restricted to family units.
3. They would have been subject to the geographical migrations of animals and the seasonal availability of plant food.
4. Primitive people needed containment and carrying devices and out of this need came the First "package" which might be

5. In 768, the oldest existing printed book (the *Diamant*)
6. Iron and tin plated steel were used
7. Packaging advancements in the early 1900s included improvements on bottles, transparent cellophane, processing efficiency and improved
8. As additional materials such as plastics were developed, they were incorporated into packaging for improved functionality.

### 1.1.3 The Industrial Revolution and Modern Packaging

The Industrial Revolution started in England in the late 18th century, marking the change that transformed people with an agrarian society into an industrial society with world-wide commerce. This era saw the use of machinery and manufactured goods.

## 1.2 DEFINITIONS OF PACKAGING

1. Packaging is described / defined in various ways.
2. Packaging is best described as a process of preparing a product for transport, distribution, storage, retail sale, and protection.
3. Packaging is a complex, dynamic, and ever-changing function.
4. Packaging is science, art and technology applied to the design, distribution, storage, sale, and protection of a product.
5. Packaging is an act of providing a container or enclosure for a product to protect it during transport and storage.
6. Packaging is a technique of enclosing a product or its components so as to protect, carry, and distribute it.

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13. Packaging is an all-embracing term and covers the operation of cleaning, giving protective coating, weighing and filling, closing, labeling, surface designing, printing, cartooning and bracing, containerizing, marketing and may also include material handling.
14. Packaging is defined as "the enclosure of products, items, or packages in a wrapped pouch, bag, box, cup, tray, can, tube, bottle, or other container to perform the following functions: containment; protection or preservation; communication; and utility or performance." If the device or container performs one or more of these functions, it is considered a package. This definition implies that packaging serves more than one function; i.e., it is multifunctional.

Packaging functions range from technical ones to marketing oriented ones as shown in the following Table-1.1:

**Table 1.1: Functions of Packaging**

<b>Technical Functions</b>		<b>Marketing Functions</b>	
contain	measure	communicate	promote
protect	dispense	display	sell
preserve	store	inform	motivate

Technical packaging professionals need science and engineering skills, while marketing professionals need artistic and motivational understanding.

### 1.3 CHANGING NEEDS AND NEW ROLES

1. All historical changes have had an impact on the way products are bought, consumed and packaged
2. Packaging is important to food supply because food is organic in nature (an

9. Humankind's global progress in development of society, packaging

### **1.3.1 The United Nations and packaging**

- a. The less-developed countries do
- b. Food goes beyond its natural insects or eaten by rodents, ge for numerous reasons, and is packaging principles.
- c. No industry can recover second economy can not afford wastage
- d. Packaging is perceived to be a v

## **1.4 STATUS OF PACKAGING IN INDIA**

### **1.4.1 Indian Packaging Industry**

1. Early 1950's showed slow pace witnessed.
2. The market volume of the India 77,570 crore and has constantly year.
3. It is expected that the pace of growth per year.
4. The highest demand for packaging food processing industry at 50 per 25 percent.
5. The Indian packaging industry c

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13. Indian companies are now placing increasing emphasis on attractive and hygienic packaging. This promises enormous potential for the future
14. Today consumer is showing greater awareness towards food packaging for assurance on quality, quantity and hygiene of foods.
15. Potential benefits offered by unit packaging in retailing are also well realized.
16. Self service groceries, super markets (especially in urban sector) increased the demand for retail packs.
17. Changes in purchasing power, family sizes, frequency of shopping, inflation, changed food habits lead to changes in packaging material and pack sizes.
18. Every sector of user industry has become package conscious and the need for scientific, functional and aesthetic packaging is being realized.
19. Nationwide marketing becoming common trend for processed foods.
20. Expanding electronic media unprecedented audience reach (Paper, radio, TV) widen market of packaged food.
21. Thus dramatic change is observed bringing overall revolution in packaging concept, style and forms.
22. New concepts like aseptic packaging, system packaging, thermoforming, in-pack sterilization of foods have taken industrial footing in Indian market.

### **1.4.2 The Modern Packaging Industry**

#### **1.4.2.1 The broad industry divisions**

1. "Converters": to take various raw materials and convert them into useful packaging materials or physical packages (cans, bottles, wraps). To this point, packaging becomes a materials application science. The company forming the physical package will also print or decorate the package.
2. Package "users": the firms that package products are also regarded as part of the packaging industry and are divided into a number of categories and each of these can be further subdivided.



4. ISTA : International Safe Transi
5. FSSAI: Food Safety and Standar



Fig-1.1: The packaging industry can be

## Lesson-2

### Importance of packaging

#### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

This lesson deals with basic functions of packaging and importance of packaging in food industry.

#### 2.2 FUNCTIONS OF PACKAGING

The functions of a package are “to preserve the quality and freshness of food, to add appeal to the food to attract consumers, and to facilitate its storage and distribution.” The basic functions required of a package can be grouped under five major categories.

##### 2.2.1 To Contain the Product

The primary function of any package is to contain the food and facilitate handling, storage, and distribution all the way from the manufacturer to the ultimate user or even the time the rest portion is utilized by the consumer. However, there are usually various levels of packaging. A primary package is one that comes into direct contact

2. Proper constructional features. prevention.
3. Package: Must contain the comm pack, prevent damage)
4. No subsequent damage after p storage.
5. Thus package must be strong en
6. Optimum compatibility (nontox chemical or biochemical changes
7. Containment or agglomeration - one package for reasons of effici requires less physical handling t granules need containment.

### **2.2.2 To Protect the Product**

One of the most important function contained against any form of loss, dan that might be encountered throughout physical damage, e.g., bruising caused stacking in a warehouse. Proper pa potatoes from a weak sack or juice f products against moisture loss or gai causes deterioration of some light-sen: contents against temperature fluctuat Packaging can also be used to con

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Table 2.1: Hazard, damage and protection of packaging materials

SN	Storage	Hazard	Damage	Protection
I	Handling and transportation	Drop, shunting, shocks, vibrations, stack load, compression etc.	Breakage, loss of shape, dusting, seepage	Cushioning, blocking.
II	Storage	Stack load, compression,  Attack by rodents and insects	Crushing, distortion sticking, spillage, contamination, spoilage	Adequate compression strength of package. resistance and repulsiveness to insects
III	Environment during storage	Biological or otherwise	Contamination	Toughness of packaging material (to resist penetration).
	transportation and distribution	High/low humidity moisture/water.	Physical, chemical and biological deterioration due to loss/gain of moisture	Efficiency of closure providing.  Water vapour barrier properties.Package desiccant etc.

	Storage	Temperature
		Time

*Barrier protection* - A barrier from oxygen permeation is a critical factor in designing absorbers to help extend shelf life. M

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1. Product manufacturing and best buy dates
2. Proper storage conditions
3. Cooking instructions
4. Size and number of servings or portions per pack
5. Nutritional information per serving
6. Manufacturer's name and address
7. Cost
8. Suggested recipes
9. Country of origin
10. Information transmission - Packages and labels communicate how to use, transport recycle, or dispose of the package or product.

#### **2.2.4 Means of minimizing costs:**

An important factor often overlooked is that packaging actually reduces costs for the consumer. Packaging reduces food costs by reducing the cost of processing. Foods can be processed where they are grown, waste is treated at the processing plant, and shipping weights are reduced, thereby lowering the cost of transportation. The handling of packages in quantity is important for the economics of bulk storage, warehousing, transport, and distribution. Proper packaging facilitates efficient and mechanized handling, distribution, and marketing of products, thus reducing the high labour costs that would have to be absorbed into the price of the product. Thus, packaging not merely contains the product, but it is a process of bringing goods from

1. Sanitary
2. Non toxic
3. Transparent
4. Lightweight
5. Tamper evident
6. Easy to pick up and handle
7. Easy to fit into cupboards, shelves
8. Easy to open and dispense from
9. Easy to reclose
10. Returnable, recyclable, or reusable
11. Safe and presents no hazards in edges
12. Display the product
13. Glamorize: Create an illusion using embossing techniques and exotic

The desirable polyfunctional properties are listed in Table 2.2.

**Table 2.2: Functional Requirements**

No.	Functional Property	
1	Gas permeability	{
2	Protection against environmental factors	{
3	Mechanical properties	{
4	Compatibility with food	{

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### 2.3 OTHER FUNCTIONS OF A PACKAGE:

1. **Dispensing:** Consumers: Product not used all at once, remove a portion...without destroying/damaging the remaining product/container.
2. **Preserve:** Remaining product in container-Protection and preserve it for extended/desired period.
3. **Measuring / Portion control:** Single serving or single dosage package has a precise amount of contents to control usage. Bulk commodities (such as salt) can be divided into packages that are a more suitable size for individual households. It also aids the control of inventory: selling sealed one-liter-bottles of milk, rather than having people bring their own bottles to fill themselves.
4. **Security** - Packaging can play an important role in reducing the security risks of transport. Packages can be made with improved tamper resistance to deter tampering and also can have tamper-evident features to help indicate tampering. Packages can be engineered to help reduce the risks of package pilferage: Some package constructions are more resistant to pilferage and some have pilfer indicating seals. Packages may include authentication seals to help indicate that the package and contents are not counterfeit. Packages also can include anti-theft devices, such as dye-packs, RFID tags, or electronic article surveillance tags, that can be activated or detected by devices at exit points and require specialized tools to deactivate. Using packaging in this way is a means of loss prevention.

### 2.4 PACKAGING TYPES:



1. **Primary packaging** is the material that is in direct contact with the contents. This usually is the smallest unit of packaging. For example, a shrink wrap can be primary packaging.
2. **Secondary packaging** is outside the primary packaging. It is used to group primary packages together. For example, a group of primary packages together wrapped in veg. parchment paper.
3. **Tertiary packaging** is used for storage and transport shipping. The most common tertiary packaging is distribution packs. These are put together.

These broad categories can be somewhat overlapping. For example, a shrink wrap can be primary packaging, secondary packaging when combining multiple primary packages, or tertiary distribution packs.

Table 2.2: Differences between packaging types

No.	Packaging
1	Comes in direct contact with product
2	Called primary packaging material
3	Should be food grade, non-tasteless, odourless, lowest possible migration
4	Packaging- a must e.g. Ice cream

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8	Recycled material never used.	Much preferred.
9	Selection of packaging material: Physico-chemical properties of product are considered.	Generally stress / strength properties, puncture resistance / burst strength, folding endurance, environmental factors considered.
10	Keeping quality is determined by packaging material.	Generally not so.
11	Single unit packaging.	Generally multi unit packaging. Sometimes single unit also. Butter carton, Bag in box...Here packing materials should be more attractive / effective than packaging material.

Reasons for selecting a particular style/type of packaging are vast and varied, numerous and changing. Product and packaging are becoming so interdependent that one cannot separate/consider one without another. Greatest part of food is spent in some form of package.

### 2.5 REQUIREMENTS FOR PRODUCING SUCCESSFUL PACKAGE:

Four sets of facts are necessary to be known for producing a successful package:

#### 2.5.1 Facts about the product:

1. The nature of the product, the material from which it is made and the manner

#### 2.5.2 Facts about the transport hazard

1. The type of transport-road, rail,
2. The degree of control over the transport
3. The form of transport- bulk, freight train, etc.
4. The mechanical conditions at Distributor District Distributor or handling more strength is required (higher cost).
5. The nature and intensity of moisture storage, retailing and use. Pack range of temperatures and relative humidity.
6. Whether handling aids are available between maker and user. (Viz. Lifting devices)
7. The importance of minimum packaging must be prevented.

#### 2.5.2.1 Hazards may be:

1. Mechanical: Impact (vertical, horizontal, vibration, compression, tearing etc.
2. Climatic hazard: (High / low temperature, humidity, dust, and water vapour)
3. Biological: (Microorganisms, fungi, termites, mites, rodents (rats and mice))

#### 2.5.2.2 Contamination by other goods

1. By materials of adjacent packs

### Lesson-3

#### Selection of Packaging Materials

##### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

The food processor has a variety of packaging materials to choose from for food packaging, specifically, paper, glass, metal, and plastics. The choice of the proper packaging material will be made by the food processor based on the requirements:

1. Composition of the food (solid or liquid)
2. Physical, chemical, and microbiological and deteriorative reactions that might occur
3. Storage conditions and time of storage
4. Socioeconomic situation of the anticipated customer or market
5. Desired package attractiveness
6. Cost of the packaging material
7. Packaging technology selected
8. Specific functional properties of the packaging material

There are several reasons for selecting or rejecting a particular packaging material over another, as summarized in the following Table: 3.1

**Table 3.1: Reasons for Selection and Rejection of Specific Packaging Materials**

Paperboard	Glass	Steel	Plastics
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Chances of water absorption	Shatters, So
Penetrable	High strength rat
Image	Limited sha
Tears, punctures	Large sizes

### 3.2 TYPES OF PACKAGING MATE

A variety of packaging material commercially available for packaging glass, metal, and plastic (Table 3.2)

**Table 3.2: Compr**

No.	Materials	%
1	Paper and paper board	1
2	Glass	

### 3.3 CHARACTERISTIC OF AN IDEAL PACKAGE

1. Compatible with product.
2. Protection from Mechanical hazards especially transportation, climatic hazards, microorganisms : Packaging do not harbour bacteria, restrict their growth....Flavour gain/loss/salts/difference in temperature.
3. Fit into a production line.
4. Advertising potential.
5. Attractive appearance.
6. Easy to handle during...Production, storage and Distribution
7. Moisture proof/resistance.
8. Sufficient mechanical strength to withstand drop, vibration, compression etc.
9. Acid, alkali resistance.
10. Grease & oil resistance.
11. Resistance to photo-chemical changes in product.
12. Resistance to insects and rodents.
13. Fire proof resistant to smoke, fume and water.
14. Pilfer proof (malpractice).
15. Inert: No effect on flavour/aroma.
16. Not injurious to health.
17. Economic.
18. Easy availability.
19. Protect against climatic hazards.
20. Protect against microorganisms. It should not harbour microbes rather restrict their growth by controlling growth factor like.

## **Characteristics of Paper, co**

### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

This chapter deals with characteristics and allied products.

### **4.2 PAPER AND PAPER BOARD**

#### **4.2.1 Characteristics**

1. Paper and board are very popular, mainly used for writing upon, pressing together moist fibers, or grasses, and drying them into sheets.
2. Paper is a versatile material with many uses. For writing and printing upon, it is used for many cleaning products, in a number of other ways.
3. Paper pulp is produced from wood. The wood pulp is suspended in water and the fibers are split the cellulose fibers longitudinally. The pulp is then passed through heated rollers and finishing rollers to give the final product. Hydrolysis produces sulphate pulp.

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is most often used in packaging and graphic printing. It is sturdier than paper but is thinner than corrugated board. Paperboard is widely used in today's society and is used to package many popular items, most notably food products and cigarette, ice-cream packaging. It can be easily cut and formed, is lightweight, and is strong; paperboard is popular in many industries as a packaging option.

### 4.3.2 Production:

Pulp (virgin or recycled) is used to create one or more layers of board which can be coated for a better surface and/or improved visual appearance.

#### 4.3.2.1 General Steps of Paper Making Process

1. **Pulping**
2. **Washing**
3. **Settling**
4. **Squeezing of slurry**
5. **Pressing**
6. **Drying, Calendaring and Sizing**

#### 4.3.2.2. Raw Materials:

1. **Hard wood:** 0.05 inches (length) e.g. Birch which has short fibres. It is

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different processes like Soda  
Semi chemical or Combination

#### 4.3.2.4. Bleaching

Pulp used in the manufacture of paper has a certain level of  
purity. Virgin pulp is naturally bright. Recycled paperboard may contain  
which causes a grey colouration. Although bleaching is not always necessary,  
it is vital for many graphical and packaging applications.

#### 4.3.2.5. Plies

Multi ply paperboard generally has two or more layers. A single ply  
single ply as a result of layering different types of pulp. In some cases  
where the same kind of pulp is used, each ply is individually  
treated and shaped individually in order to take full advantage of the  
benefits of multi ply paperboard and to improve overall  
performance.

#### 4.3.2.6 Coating

In order to improve whiteness, smoothness and strength, one or more  
layers of coating are applied. Coatings can be made from a variety of  
be china clay, calcium carbonate or other minerals.

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often combined with wax, plastic film, metal foil, or a combination of foil and plastic film.

5. Paperboard is made in a similar way to paper but is thicker in order to protect foods from mechanical damage. The main characteristics of board are thickness, stiffness, the ability to crease without cracking, the degree of whiteness, surface properties, and suitability for printing. White board is suitable for contact with food and is often coated with polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride, or wax for heat-sealability. It is commonly used to prevent freezer burn in stored frozen products. Pulp containers are made from paper pulp compressed in molds to remove moisture. Pulp containers are used for egg cartons, low-cost food trays, and cushioning of food products.

### 4.4. CORRUGATED PAPER, FIBRE BOARD, CBX ETC

#### 4.4.1 Corrugated fiberboard

**Corrugated fiberboard**, also known as corrugated cardboard, is a paper-based construction material consisting of a fluted corrugated sheet and one or two flat linerboards. Corrugated board is the most common form of secondary food packaging and is used by virtually every industry in the manufacture of corrugated boxes and shipping containers.

1. Corrugated board has an outer and inner lining of kraft paper with a central corrugating (or fluting) material. This is made by softening kraft paperboard with steam and passing it over corrugating rollers. The liners are then applied to each side using a suitable adhesive. The board is formed into *cutouts*, which are then assembled into cases at the filling line.
2. The corrugated medium and linerboard are made of paperboard, a paper-like material usually over ten mils (0.010 inch, or 0.25 mm) thick. Paperboard and corrugated fiberboard are sometimes called *cardboard* by non-specialists;



#### 4.4.1.1. Standard US Corrugated Flute

Table: 4.3: Standards of corrugated

Flute Designation	Flutes per lineal foot	th
A flute	33 +/- 3	
B flute	47 +/- 3	
C flute	39 +/- 3	
E flute	90 +/- 4	
F flute	128 +/- 4	

#### 4.4.2 Chip Board / Bogus:

1. Old news papers, other scrap paper converted in to paper/ board known to three layers of coating on the of its recycled content it will be packaging of shoes, toys etc.
2. Bogus is a paper product which pulp to imitate higher quality paper in colour due to the raw material fill, wipes, bedding & cushioning

### 4.5 WOOD

#### 4.5.1 Advantages and Disadvantages

## Lesson-5

### Characteristics of Glass

#### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

**Glass** generally refers to hard, brittle, transparent material, such as those used for windows, many bottles, or eyewear. Glass is one of the most important packaging materials because of its high barrier and see-through properties. In the technical sense, glass is an inorganic substance formed from a mixture of sand (73%), sodium oxide (13%), and calcium oxide (12%), with a proportion of broken glass or *culler* (15 to 30% of total weight). Many glasses contain silica as their main component and glass former.

##### 5.1.1 What is Glass?

Glass is a mixture in which all the constituent atoms have been persuaded by heating to line up in to a random but rigid net wall in which each silica atom is linked to '4' oxygen atoms and then to other silica atoms, both atoms of sodium and calcium distributed in holes in the network.

##### 5.1.2 Approximate composition of Glass:

- Natural White Glass:
  - Silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) – 73%

The principal raw materials required for glass are soda ash. Screen printing, ceramic printing and digital printing on the glass.

## 5.2. CHARACTERISTICS OF GLASS CONTAINERS

Glass containers have several characteristics for beverage packaging:

1. They are impervious to moisture.
2. They are inert and do not react with the contents.
3. They have filling speeds comparable to plastic.
4. They are suitable for heat processing.
5. They are transparent to microwave radiation.
6. They are reusable and recyclable.
7. They are resealable.
8. They are transparent and display the contents.
9. They can be molded into a variety of shapes.
10. They are perceived by the customer as high quality.
11. They are rigid and allow stacking.
12. They can be printed on directly or indirectly.

The main disadvantages of glass as a packaging material are:

1. Higher weight and hence high cost of packaging containers.
2. Lower resistance than other materials to mechanical shock.
3. More variable dimensions than other materials.

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cork plugs. Fruit juices and drinks like flavoured/sterilized flavoured milk, milk beverages etc. are often packaged in bottles. The glass bottles used in Dairy industry are heat resistant bottles. But, they can withstand 50°C temperature difference during heating and only 30°C temperature difference during cooling, which is important during in-bottle sterilization of milk.

2. **Jars** are wide mouthed bottles with no neck, and this affords easy access to the product. They are used for liquid, viscous, solid, and semisolid products such as fruit pieces, sauces, and tomato pastes. They are closed in a similar manner to bottles, but with larger closures.
3. **Tumblers** are similar to jars but without a neck and a “finish” for the end closure. They are shaped like a drinking glass and are used for such products as jams and jellies.
4. **Jugs** are large sized bottles with carrying handles. They are used to package wine and institutional, industrial, and household products.
5. **Carboys** are large globular wicker-covered glass bottles for holding acids or other corrosive liquids.
6. **Vials and ampoules** are small, thin-walled glass containers. They are mainly used in the pharmaceutical industry for drugs and in the food industry for small quantities of very expensive ingredients, such as flavors.
7. Food products packed in glass: Baby foods, malted milk foods, sterilized flavoured milk, beer, soft drinks, meat/fish products, fruits and vegetable products.

### 5.4 GLASS CONTAINER PRODUCTION

Broadly, modern glass container factories are three-part operations: the **batch house**, the **hot end**, and the **cold end**. The batch house handles the raw materials; the hot end handles the manufacture, the furnaces, annealing ovens, and forming machines; and the cold end handles the product-inspection and packaging equipment.

#### 5.4.1 Glass container forming process:

4. The glass is then annealed at carefully controlled conditions
5. In all cases a stream of molten glass is cut with a shearing blade to
6. Both processes start with the glass being fed into troughs and chutes, into the

### 5.5 CONSIDERATIONS FOR SELECTION

1. When selecting a glass container, choosing dimensions and finish for the product can be easily filled. 'Finish' refers to the containers, i.e. thread, lug, flange, and standard finishes.
2. Other important factors in selection which can influence the type of glass used are thermal shock. Some glasses are suitable for filling a hot product into a container. Special glasses are available for this purpose.
3. Though total quantity of glass used in packaging has been diminished by the use of materials like plastics.
4. Of late, the rediscovered virtue of heat resistant glass is likely to bring about a change in the type of glass used.
5. Recent developments in West European glass bottles and researches are likely to bring about a change in the type of glass used.
6. Novel features like vacuum resistant glass are increasingly used.
7. In India, though glass is used for packaging, it is not as common as in the West.

## Lesson-6

### Characteristics of Metals and Metallic Containers

#### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

Metal packaging materials are appropriate for packaging of light, moisture and oxygen sensitive products and carbonated beverages such as soft drinks, flavoured milk etc.

1. Mainly aluminum is used as packaging material in the form of cans.
2. Also tin plates are now a day used as metal packaging material.
3. Tin plate is solid, heavy steel covered with tin to protect it against rust. It is used to package canned foods. It can be recycled and again can be used as an outer packing material.
4. The earliest metals used by man were those found in native state, which were soft and easily workable. These include copper, silver and gold.
5. The commercial packaging of food stuffs in metal containers began in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.
6. Metal cans, made from steel or aluminum, are widely used by the food industry to pack a wide range of foods.

There are two basic types of metal cans:

1. Those that are sealed using a 'double seam' and are used to make canned foods: Double-seamed cans are made from tinned steel or aluminum and are used with specific closures for different types of food

**Constituent**

Carbon

Manganese

Phosphorus

Sulphur

Silica

Copper

- For the fabrication of containers e.g. carbonated beverage ends, tin steel is used. The chemical composition of tin steel except with the addition of copper
- To make the tin plate corrosion resistant  
Tin is applied either by
- Hot dipping process
- Electrolytic deposition
- Tin plate in addition to the corrosion is also  
protected by two surface treatments

(A) *Passivation*: The passivation is done by  
using sodium dichromate solution  
controlling the growth of natural

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containers cannot be soldered with Lead or tin. They are welded or organic adhesives are used.

### 6.1.3 Advantages of using Metal Cans:

1. They have a high strength-to-weight ratio.
2. They can be heat processed.
3. They have excellent barrier and protective properties.
4. They produce shelf-stable products that are safe and nutritious to eat and can be stored at ambient temperature.
5. They are tamperproof.
6. When sealed with a double-seam they provide total protection of the contents,
7. They can be made in a wide range of shapes and sizes.
8. Ease of fabrication.

### 6.1.4 Limitations of Metal Cans:

1. High cost of metal and relatively high manufacturing costs make cans expensive.
2. They are heavier than other materials, except glass, resulting in increased transportation costs for the finished product.

## 6.2 STEEL CANS

### 6.2.1 Three-piece cans:

- One of the most commonly used primary packaging containers for a wide variety of processed fruits and vegetables are the three-piece can or *sanitary* can.
- It is made from steel that is electrolytically coated on both sides with either a



1. Be nontoxic
2. Not affect the flavor or color of the food
3. Provide a good barrier between the food and the metal
4. Be easy to apply to the tin plate
5. Not peel off during sterilization of the food
6. Have mechanical resistance to corrosion
7. Be economical

Common types of enamels used by the food industry are:

**Table 6.1: General Types of Coatings**

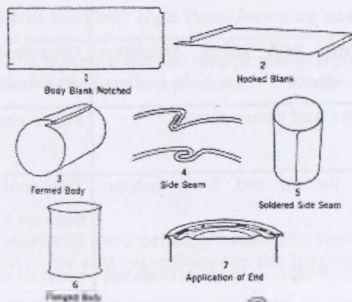
No.	Coating	Typical Applications
1	R-Fruit enamel	Dark colored berries, requiring protection from salts
2	C-Corn enamel	Corn, peas, and other legume bearing products
3	Citrus enamel	Citrus fruits and citrus beverages
4	Beverage can enamel	Vegetable juices; highly corrosive fruits and beverages

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not impart flavor to the food but have poor resistance to high temperatures. They are well suited for acidic products that do not need to be heat-sterilized and can be processed at temperatures below 100 °C.

- Outer coatings can also be applied to the outer can surfaces to prevent corrosion. Outside coatings of acrylics, phenolics, oleoresins, and vinyls are usually **pigmented**. They must be able to survive the heat-processing treatment and be receptive to decorative coatings and inks.

Three-piece cans are fabricated as shown in Figure 6.1. Sheets of tin plate or tin-free plate, with or without enamel coating, are cut into pieces to form the body of the can. Each *body blank* is hooked at the corners, flattened, and then seamed by soldering, cementing, or welding (Figure 6.1). The body blank is flanged, and the can bottom (manufacturer's) is double seamed onto the body. The can top is seamed on at the production line after the can is filled with product.



and bottom sealing steps, resulting in i  
problems; however, their production rate

### **6.3 ALUMINUM CANS**

- Aluminum is attractive, light, and materials to produce the packaging lids, foils etc are made from aluminum commonly used for packaging fruit
- Aluminum cans were first used for
- Aluminum can be used
- For making rigid containers/cans
- For making Aluminum foil
- For making collapsible metal tubes
- Aluminum is obtained from Alumina

#### **6.3.1 Properties of Aluminum:**

1. It is lightest of the commonly used
2. Melting point is 660°C.
3. High electrical and thermal conductivity
4. Soft, ductile and low tensile strength

#### **6.3.2 Advantages of aluminum:**

1. In comparison to tin plate & TFS,
2. Lower transportation costs, thus cost
3. It has a good weight-strength ratio
4. It has a high quality surface for decoration
5. Easier to recover as recycle

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Pure or commercially pure aluminum (Type 1100 and 1050) is used for the manufacture of foil and extruded containers.

Hardest grade (5182) alloy containing 4-5 % Magnesium and 0.35% Manganese is used for manufacture of carbonated beverage can ends.

Two-piece aluminum cans are made by the draw-and-wall-iron (DWI) or the draw-and-redrawn (DRD) process. The DWI process results in cans with thinner walls than the DRD process and is used to produce cans for carbonated drinks where the gas pressure supports the container. Thicker-walled DRD cans are able to withstand the head-space vacuum required in heat sterilization.

Lacquers are applied internally to prevent interactions between the metal and the product. The type of lacquer used depends on the type of product packed. Epoxy-phenolic or vinyl-based lacquers are commonly used.

#### **6.3.4 Aluminum Foil:**

“Aluminum foil is usually defined as pure aluminum (not less than 99.4% purity) which has been rolled to a thickness not more than 0.152 mm”

Commercial foils generally range in thickness of 30-70 gauge. In thinner gauges pinholes are problems in aluminum foils.

## 7.1 INTRODUCTION

**Plastic** is the general term for a wide variety of polymerization products derived from either natural or synthetic materials. **Webster dictionary** include any of a large number of materials of various weight that usually contain as the essential component an organic substance made by polymerization of monomers, or material or any chemical treatment, which is formed, or laminated under various conditions into sheets, plates, and filaments.

They are composed of organic condensations of monomers and other substances to improve performance. Most synthetic polymers generally considered to be "plastics" are formed into films or fibers. Their name is derived from the Greek word *plastikos*, property of plasticity.

Plastics are polymers where long chains of repeating structural units, or monomers, are linked together. The word is derived from the Greek, *πλαστικός*

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- The first plastic based on a synthetic polymer was made from phenol and formaldehyde, with the first viable and cheap synthesis methods, the product being known as Bakelite.
- Subsequently poly vinyl chloride, polystyrene, polyethylene (polyethene), polypropylene (polypropene), polyamides (nylons), polyesters, acrylics, silicones, polyurethanes were amongst the many varieties of plastics developed and used commercially.
- The development of plastics has come from the use of natural materials (e.g., chewing gum, shellac) to the use of chemically modified natural materials (e.g., natural rubber, nitrocellulose, collagen) and finally to completely synthetic molecules (e.g., epoxy, polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene).
- Recently, corn has been used to make biodegradable containers. Corn can be used to create non-petroleum plastic, which is often compostable.

### 7.2.1 Types of Plastics:

**1. Thermosets:** Thermosets soften and flow when heated but at the same time an irreversible chemical reaction takes place so that once hardening has occurred the material again can not again be softened by heating. If strong heat is applied to thermoset, it will char and decompose but will not soften and melt. Eg. Urea formaldehyde, Phenol formaldehyde.

**2. Thermoplastics:** Thermoplastics soften on heating and harden again on cooling, a process which can be repeated any number of times. Eg. Polyethylene, Nylon  
Common thermoplastics range from 20,000 to 500,000 in molecular weight, while thermosets are assumed to have infinite molecular weight. These chains are made up of many repeating molecular units, known as "repeat units", derived from "monomers"; each polymer chain will have several 1000's of repeat units. The vast majority of plastics are composed of polymers of carbon and hydrogen alone or with oxygen, nitrogen, chlorine or sulfur in the backbone.

### 7.2.1.2 Polyacetals:

The name polyacetals covers polymers and compounds such as ethylene oxide. They have been used in engineering applications and are resistant to acids and alkalis but are attacked by oxidizing agents.

Polyacetal container is used for hair lacquer.

### 7.3 ADVANTAGES OF PLASTICS OVER GLASS

1. **Versatility:** Glass/paper/board is possible in narrow limits of properties. Their modification is possible (cloth + PVC+PVDC) Nomex (a bulletproof jacket -5 x stronger than steel) /insulator (PET electric tube light).
2. **Energy requirements** for conveying are less than that of Glass and 30-40 times less.
3. **Plastic containers** are light weight and shattering in handling. Attractive decoration at competitive price available.
4. **Multilayers used:** Multilayers of PET / EVA foil / EVA / LDPE. Collapsible tube has additional printing, light weight.
5. **Cost:** Cost of plastics is competitive to glass containers.
6. **Consumer's convenience** at low cost for shampoo pouches, Foil-LDPE / LDPE / metallized PET/HDPE or foil/LDPE for coffee packaging etc.

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- b. Plastics have less weight and add little weight to the product so more amount can be loaded and thus less cost. Plastic crates are light in weight than wooden crates so easy to stack.
  - c. Shrink wrapping can act as intermediate of bulk packaging and cause less loss during handling / transportation / distribution.
  - d. Plastic packaging fit closely to the shape of the food, thereby wasting little space during storage and distribution.
11. Plastics have good barrier properties against moisture and gases.
  12. Plastics are non-corrosive.
  13. Heat-sealable to prevent leakage of contents.
  14. Suitable for high-speed filling.
  15. Good wet and dry strength.
  16. Suitable for printing and even sandwiched printing layer can be provided.
  17. Plastics can be recycled.

Plastics may be made as flexible films or as semi-rigid and rigid containers to meet the varied packaging and processing requirements of food. Plastic films are made with a wide range of mechanical, optical, heat-seal, and barrier properties. Furthermore, they can be coated with another polymer or metallized to give a laminated structure with superior properties. Examples of some of the common flexible films and their properties are discussed here.

**Table 7.1: Examples of Basic Plastics Used as Packaging Material**

No.	Materials	Structural Unit	Important Properties
1	Cellulose	Glucose	Good strength, poor H <sub>2</sub> O and gas barrier,



6	Polystyrene	Styrene
7	Poly vinyl-chloride (PVC)	Vinyl chloride
8	Polyvinylidene-chloride (PVDC)	Vinyl alcohol Vinylidene chloride
9	Ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA)	Vinyl acetate ethylene
10	Ethylene vinyl alcohol	Vinyl alcohol ethylene
11	Ionomer	Methacrylic acid + Ethylene

#### 7.4 DISADVANTAGES OF PLASTICS

##### 7.4.1 Negative health effects:

Following plastics have been associated

PVC (polyvinyl chloride) contains nu

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Other (usually polycarbonate - PC) group that consists mainly of polycarbonates, whose primary building block is bisphenol A (BPA), a hormone disrupter that releases into food and liquid and acts like estrogen. Research in Environmental Health Perspectives found that BPA (leached from the lining of tin cans, dental sealants and polycarbonate bottles) can increase body weight of lab animals' offspring, as well as impact hormone levels. A more recent animal study suggests that even low-level exposure to BPA results in insulin resistance, which can lead to inflammation and heart disease.

### **7.4.2 Negative effects on environment**

1. Plastics are durable and degrade very slowly.
2. In some cases, burning plastic can release toxic fumes (Eg. PVC/PVDC).
3. The manufacturing of plastics often creates large quantities of chemical pollutants.
4. Unfortunately, recycling plastics has proven difficult. The biggest problem with plastic recycling is that it is difficult to automate the sorting of plastic waste, and so it is labor intensive.

Recycling certain types of plastics can be unprofitable, as well, e.g. polystyrene is rarely recycled because it is usually not cost effective.

## Sources of different plastic materials

### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

This lesson covers the topics related to the manufacture of different plastic materials.

### 8.2 DEVELOPMENTS IN PLASTICS

- By 1936, American, British, and German scientists had developed polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA), better known as plexiglass. It is a well known for their use in paints. In their bulk form they are actually brittle and are sold as glass replacement. PMMA and it is also now used as a major component in acrylics.
- Another important plastic, polyethylene (PE), was discovered in 1933 by Reginald Gibson and Eric Fawcett.
- PEs are cheap, flexible, durable, and easy to make. They are used to make films and packaging materials. They are also used in plumbing, and automotive fittings. In 1938, during a chemical attack, it was found later that a major breakthrough was made by exposing it to fluorine gas, which resulted in the much tougher polyfluoroethylene (PFE).
- Polypropylene (PP) is similar to PE in terms of cost, but it is much more robust. It is used in carpets to plastic furniture, and

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- New manufacturing methods were developed, using various forming, molding, casting, and extrusion processes, to make plastic products in large quantities. Consumers enthusiastically accepted the endless range of colorful, cheap, and durable plastic containers/materials being produced.
- One of the most visible parts of this plastics invasion was a complete line of sealable polyethylene food containers which are highly effective and greatly reduce the spoilage of foods in storage. Thin-film plastic wrap that could be purchased in rolls also helped in keeping food fresh
- Formica, a plastic laminate is used to surface furniture and cabinetry. Formica was durable and attractive. It was particularly useful in kitchens, as it did not absorb, and could be easily cleaned of stains from food preparation, such as blood or grease.
- Polyurethane foam was used to fill mattresses, and Styrofoam was used to line ice coolers and make float toys
- Plastics are continuously subject to improvement. General Electric introduced Lexan, a high-impact polycarbonate plastic. Du Pont developed Kevlar®, an extremely strong synthetic fiber that is best known for its use in ballistic rated clothing and combat helmets

In the recent years, there has been a tremendous increase in the use of plastics replacing traditional packaging materials such as glass, metal, and paper. The raw materials for plastics are petroleum, natural gas, and coal. They are formed by a polymerization method that creates linkages between many small repeating chemical units (monomers) to form large molecules or polymers. Monomers are subjected to specific temperature and pressure conditions due to which chemical bonding takes place between them resulting in a chain structure. It is known as polymer and process is known as Polymerization (*Poly = many, meros = part*). The types of plastics are made by either of the following methods which decide their properties also:

### 8.3. CLASSIFICATION OF PLASTICS

- Plastics can be classified in many ways based on their backbone (polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene, acrylics, silicones, polyurethane, etc.)
- Other classifications include thermoplastic vs. thermosetting plastic, addition or condensation polymerization (method used), and glass transition temperature.
- Some plastics are partially crystalline, giving them both attractive intermolecular forces and a melting point (temperatures above which the material becomes more fluid)
- Many plastics are completely amorphous, such as polystyrene, poly(methyl methacrylate), and polyethylene terephthalate.
- So-called semi-crystalline plastics include polyethylene (vinyl chloride), polyamides (nylon), and polypropylene.

#### 8.3.1 Major Groups of Plastics:

##### 8.3.1.1 Thermoplastics:

- A **thermoplastic** is a plastic that becomes soft and brittle, very glassy state when heated and returns to its original shape after cooling cycles during processing. This is used for bottles and films. Thus the reaction is reversible.

Reduction  
Molten Mass  $\xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}}$   
Increase in

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Some examples of Thermoplastics are:

- Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)
- Acrylic
- Cellulose acetate
- Ethylene-Vinyl Acetate (EVA)
- Ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVAL)
- Fluoroplastics (PTFEs, including FEP, PFA, CTFE, ECTFE, ETFE)
- Ionomers
- Kydex, a trademarked acrylic/PVC alloy
- Polyacrylates (Acrylic)
- Polyamide (PA or Nylon)
- Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)
- Polycarbonate (PC)
- Polyester
- Polyethylene (PE)
- Polylactic acid (PLA)
- Polypropylene (PP)
- Polystyrene (PS)
- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
- Polyvinylidene chloride (PVDC)

### 8.3.1.2 Thermoset Plastics:

**Thermosetting plastics** (thermosets) are polymer materials that irreversibly cure, to a stronger form. The cure may be done through heat (generally above 200°C), through a chemical reaction (e.g. two-part epoxy), or irradiation such as electron beam processing. It is possible to burn but re-melting is not possible in such plastic.

- Thermoset materials are usually liquid or malleable prior to curing, and

- Thermoset materials are generally used for applications up to the decomposition temperature.
- Generally it is not used for applications where high dimensional accuracy is required (e.g. caps, lids of bottle, transparent lenses).

Some examples of thermosets are:

- Vulcanized rubber
- Bakelite, a phenol-formaldehyde resin (used in electrical wear)
- Urea-formaldehyde foam (used in insulation, fibreboard)
- Melamine resin (used on worktops)
- Epoxy resin (used as an adhesive, reinforced plastic and graphite)
- Polyimides (used in printed circuit boards, airplanes)

## 8.4 Methods of manufacture of plastics

### 8.4.1 Molding Process:

**Molding** is the process of manufacturing a plastic part from a frame or model called a mold.

A **mold** or **mould** is a hollowed-out block of metal, or ceramic raw materials. The

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- Rotational molding
- Thermoforming
  - Vacuum forming, a simplified version of thermoforming
- Reaction Injection Molding
- Laminating
- Expandable bead molding
- Foam molding
- Rotomolding
- Vacuum plug assist molding
- Pressure plug assist molding
- Matched mold

### **8.4.1.1 Flexible mold**

A mold is a hollow shape which exactly encloses the shape of a desired object. The object is usually created by pouring a liquid into the mold and allowing it to solidify: typical liquids include molten metal or plastic, plaster of Paris, epoxy resin

Molds generally divide into two classes: solid or flexible

There are five different types of flexible mold compounds in significant use today:

- Hot-Melt
- Latex
- Silicone rubbers
- Polysulfide rubbers



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common method of production, with  
and outdoor furniture



**Figure 8.1: Standard two plates 1**

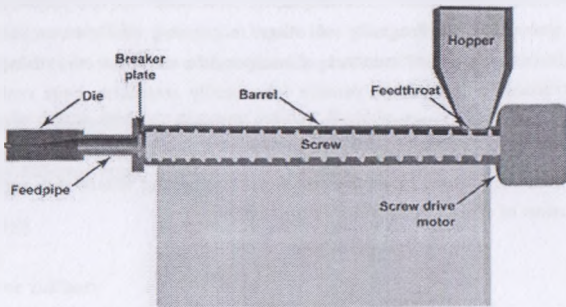
**Materials:** The most commonly used materials are polystyrene (low cost, lacking the strength and long-term durability), polybutadiene styrene (a ter-polymer or copolymer used for Lego parts to electronics housings), polypropylene (tough and flexible - used for combustion engine parts and containers), polyethylene, and polyvinyl chloride (rigid as used for pipes, window frames, or flexible by the inclusion of a high proportion of plasticizer).

**Injection Process:**

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3. The screw is rotated by a motor, feeding pellets up the screw's grooves. The depth of the screw flights decreases towards the end of the screw nearest the mold, compressing the heated plastic
4. As the screw rotates, the pellets are moved forward in the screw and they undergo extreme pressure and friction which generates most of the heat needed to melt the pellets
5. Heaters on either side of the screw assist in the heating and temperature control during the melting process.
6. The channels through which the plastic flows toward the chamber will also solidify, forming an attached frame
7. This frame is composed of the *sprue*, which is the main channel from the reservoir of molten resin, parallel with the direction of draw, and *runners*, which are perpendicular to the direction of draw, and are used to convey molten resin to the *gate(s)*, or point(s) of injection

#### 8.4.2 Plastics extrusion:



- The material enters through the barrel) and comes into contact with plastic beads forward into the barrel. The temperature of the molten plastic is set for the barrel in which the heaters gradually increase the temperature of the plastic enters) to the front. The heaters as they are pushed through the barrel may cause degradation in the polymer due to pressure and friction taking place. The material is running a certain material fast and the melt temperature maintained by the heaters. In most extruders, cooling fans are used to reduce the value if too much heat is generated.
- At the front of the barrel, the material passes through a screen pack to remove any impurities and is reinforced by a breaker plate (a screen pack through it) since the pressure at the screen pack/breaker plate assembly is high in the barrel. Back pressure is required to maintain the polymer. This breaker plate also acts as a "memory" of the molten plastic into the die.
- After passing through the breaker plate, the die is the component that gives the extrudate its designed profile shape. The die is designed so that the molten plastic flows through the die without unwanted stresses at certain points which would warp upon cooling.
- The product must now be cooled. The extrudate through a water bath. The product is therefore difficult to cool quickly as the heat away 2000 times more slowly than in a water bath is acted upon by a cooling medium.

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- A common post-extrusion process for plastic sheet stock is thermoforming, where the sheet is heated till soft (plastic), and formed on a mold into a new shape. When vacuum is used, this is often described as vacuum forming. Thermoforming can go from line banded pieces (e.g. displays) to complex shapes (computer housings), which often look like being injection moulded, because of the various possibilities in thermoforming, such as inserts, undercuts, divided moulds

### 8.4.2.1.2 Blown Film extrusion:

The manufacture of plastic film for products such as shopping bags is achieved using a blown film line

- This process is the same as a regular extrusion process up until the die
- The die is an upright cylinder with a circular opening similar to a pipe die
- The diameter can be a few centimeters to more than three metres across
- The molten plastic is pulled upwards from the die by a pair of nip rolls high above the die (4 metres to 20 metres or more depending on the amount of cooling required)
- Changing the speed of these nip rollers will change the gauge (thickness) of the film
- Around the die sits an air-ring. The air-ring cools the film as it travels upwards. In the centre of the die is an air outlet from which compressed air can be forced into the centre of the extruded circular profile, creating a bubble
- This expands the extruded circular cross section by some ratio (a multiple of the die diameter). This ratio, called the "blow-up ratio" can be just a few percent to more than 200 percent of the original diameter
- The nip rolls flatten the bubble into a double layer of film whose width (called the "layflat") is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the circumference of the bubble
- This film can then be spooled or printed on, cut into shapes, and heat sealed into bags or other items

the die and in most cases positive pressure the pin.

#### ■ 4.2.1.5 Coextrusion:

Coextrusion refers to the extrusion of multi type of extrusion utilizes two or more extruders throughput of different molten plastics to a materials in the desired shape. This tech described above (Blown Film, Overjacket controlled by the relative speeds and sizes materials.

#### ■ 4.2.1.6 Extrusion coating:

Extrusion coating is using a blown or cast film on an existing rollstock of paper, foil or film. characteristics of paper by coating it with water. The extruded layer can also be used together. A famous product that uses this (UHT milk).

## Lesson-9

### Forms of different plastic materials - 1

#### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

In this lesson the topics related to different plastic materials like cellulose, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester, polyamide etc are discussed.

#### 9.2 CELLULOSE

Cellophane is produced from wood pulp, treated chemically, and cast into a film on heated rollers. Glycerol is added as a softener, and the film is dried on heated rollers. Higher quantities of softener produce more flexible films.

Art silk, technically known as Cellulose Acetate is well known under the trade name "rayon". It is cheap and feels smooth on the skin, though it is weak when wet and creases easily. It could also be produced in a transparent sheet form known as "cellophane".

##### 9.2.1 Characteristics of Cellulose:

### **9.2.2 Modified Celluloses:-** Thermoplast

- Cellulose acetate
- Cellulose acetate-butyrate
- Cellulose acetate-propionate

**Application** – Thermoformed blisters, cartons.

#### **9.2.2.1 Cellulose Acetate:-**

This is a cellulose plastic made from bark of acetic and sulphuric acids. It has good properties very similar in properties to PS. The high density is utilized for wrapping fresh produce like to

Cellulose acetate is resistant to aromatic esters and is decomposed by strong acids. It is stable to moisture and is not dimensionally stable.

#### **9.2.2.2 Cellophane:-**

It is derived from natural cellulose which consists of cellulose glucose units may vary from 30 to 40 by which cellulose could be obtained in a

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### 9.2.3.1 Carboxy Methyl Cellulose(CMC):

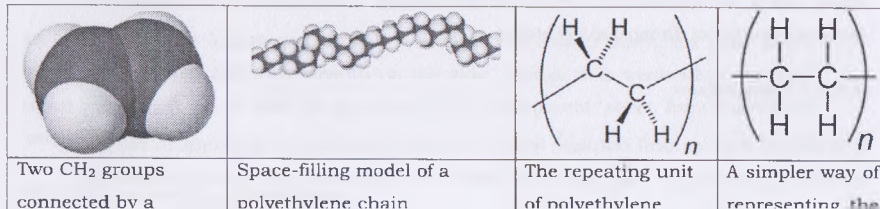
This film is available as Sodium EMC. It is hydrophilic and is insoluble in cold water.

**Methyl Cellulose:** It is obtained by treating cellulose with NaOH and then by alkylation. It is highly resistant to oils and greases. It can be formed in to small pouches.

### 9.2.3.2 Polyvinyl Alcohol:

The film is obtained by hydrolysis of polymerized vinyl acetate. It is insoluble in hydrocarbons. These are used for wrapping candies, single application for coffee, tea, derived milk, cold drinks, detergents and insecticides. It is soluble in water. It is utilized for manufacture of film, sachets used to give controlled dosage in water.

## 9.3 POLYETHYLENE:



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## FIGURE 9.1 basic structure and character

**Polyethylene** or **polythene** (IUPAC name) is heavily used in consumer products and for the polymerization of ethylene.

Polyethylene is a polymer consisting of long chains of ethylene (name ethene). In the polymer industry the term is commonly called **polythene** in UK. The ethylene, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> is CH<sub>2</sub>=CH<sub>2</sub>. Polyethylene is formed by the polymerization of ethylene. It can be produced through radical polymerization, coordination polymerization or cationic polymerization. Different methods results in a different type of polyethylene.

### 9.3.1 Characteristics of Polyethylene:

1) Polyethylene was first synthesized by Thomas Midgley Jr. in 1898. It contained long -CH<sub>2</sub>- chain. The first industrially practical polyethylene synthesis was developed by the ICI. The types of catalyst that promote polymerization at low temperatures and pressures are:

- Chromium trioxide based



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- Most Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE) , Medium Density Polyethylene (MDPE), and High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) grades have excellent chemical resistance and do not dissolve at room temperature because of the crystallinity.
- Polyethylene is classified into several different categories based mostly on its density and branching. The mechanical properties of PE depend significantly on variables such as the extent and type of branching, the crystal structure, and the molecular weight
- Polyethylene (other than cross-linked polyethylene) usually can be dissolved at elevated temperatures in aromatic hydrocarbons, such as toluene or xylene, or chlorinated solvents, such as trichloroethane or trichlorobenzene

### 9.3.3 Classification of Polyethylene:

#### 9.3.3.1 High-density polyethylene (HDPE):

- HDPE is defined by a density of greater or equal to  $0.941 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- It also has a higher softening temperature ( $121^\circ\text{C}$ ) and can therefore be heat-sterilized.
- It has a low degree of branching and thus stronger intermolecular forces and tensile strength.
- It is stronger, thicker, less flexible, less transparent, and more brittle and has lower permeability to gases and moisture than LDPE.
- It is used in products and packaging such as milk jugs, detergent bottles, margarine tubs, garbage containers and water pipes. It is commonly used in the production of bags, as liners, and as an over wrap.

#### 9.3.3.2 Medium-density polyethylene (MDPE):

- MDPE is defined by a density range of  $0.926\text{--}0.940 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- It can be produced by chromium/silica catalysts, Ziegler-Natta catalysts or **metallocene** catalysts

LDPE, with better environmental strength but is not as easy to process.

- It is used in packaging, particularly film (gauge) may be used compared to LDPE containers, pipes etc.
- While other applications are available, its applications due to its toughness, flexibility

#### 4.1.3.4 Low-density polyethylene (LDPE):

- LDPE is defined by a density range of 0.91 to 0.94 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
- It has a high degree of short and long branches. These chains do not pack into the crystal structure due to intermolecular forces.
- This results in a lower tensile strength.
- It is created by free radical polymerization.
- The high degree of branches with long chains gives it desirable flow properties.
- It is used for both rigid containers and flexible bags and film wrap.
- It is heat-sealable at low temperatures.
- It is chemically inert, odor-free, and safe.
- It is a good moisture barrier but a poor oxygen barrier. This makes it a good choice of packaging for fruits, and vegetables.
- It is less expensive than most films and is used in many packaging applications, including agricultural products.

#### 4.1.3.5 High Molecular High Density Poly

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Table. 9.1 Properties of LDPE & HDPE

SN	Property	LDPE	HDPE
1	Yield Stress	1250 – 2000 psi	3000 – 4100 psi
2	Yield Elongation	16 – 20%	11 – 16%
3	Ultimate Elongation	200 – 600%	50 – 400%
4	Impact Strength (200 gauge film)	4.5	1.5
5	Hardness	41 – 43	60 – 70
6	Softening Point	85 – 87°C	137°C
7	Tearing Strength (gm / mil)	150	75
8	WVTR (gm / m <sup>2</sup> / day)	18	5 – 6
9	Oxygen Transmission Rate (cc/cm <sup>2</sup> /day)	15	3
10	CO <sub>2</sub> Transmission Rate (cc/cm <sup>2</sup> /day)	55	13
11	Nitrogen Transmission Rate (cc/cm <sup>2</sup> /day)	5	1
12	Turpentine Grease Proof Test	2 hours	168 hours

### Ethylene copolymers:

In addition to copolymerization with alpha-olefins, ethylene can also be copolymerized with a wide range of other monomers and ionic composition that creates ionized free radicals. Common examples include vinyl acetate (resulting product is ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, widely used in athletic shoe sole foams), and a variety of acrylates

- Polyester may be produced in numerous thermoplastic may be heated and processed into sheets, and three-dimensional shapes.
- While combustible at high temperatures, it does not burn in flames and self-extinguishes.

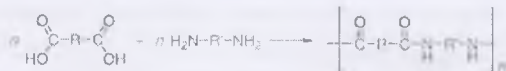
#### **9.4.1 Characteristics of Polyester:**

1. The main characteristics of PET are its low vapor pressures of 50-60 psi used for soft drink bottles, its resistance to moisture and gases, and its clarity.
2. These characteristics make it an ideal plastic for soft drink bottles and as a component of boiling water bags ( max. used temp. 150°C)
3. A more crystalline PET (CPET) is used to enable precooked food and entrees to be packaged without deformation of the packaging tray.
4. It has good chemical resistance, soluble in strong acids and alkalis.

#### **9.4.2 Uses of Polyester:**

1. Polyester is the most widely used man-made plastic.
2. Polyesters are also used to make bottles, films, displays, holograms, filters, dielectric film and insulating tapes. In general they have good properties and are extremely heat resistant.
3. Thermosetting polyester resins are generally based on polyesters with styrene. Another important use is in the production of laminating resins, and non-metallic auto parts.
4. Unsaturated polyesters are commonly used in the production of laminating resins, and non-metallic auto parts.

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Subsequently polyamides 6, 10, 11, and 12 have been developed based on monomers which are ring compounds, e.g. caprolactam. Nylon 66 is a material manufactured by condensation polymerization. Nylon 6, 66 and 11 are most widely used as packaging films.

**(A) Nylon 6:-** It is prepared from phenol. It is more flexible than Nylon 66 and has better grease resistance than Nylon 11. It can withstand dry heat up to 250°C and hence, it is used for roast-in-bags. It has high mechanical strength, high elongation, excellent abrasion and bursting resistance. Unsupported film is used for containing frozen foods, aromatic flavourings, fats & oils.

**(B) Nylon 66:-** This has higher softening point i.e 265°C.

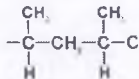
**(C) Nylon 11:-** It is manufactured from castor oil, undecanoic acid and ammonia. It softens at 125°C and is resistant to fats, oils and even concentrated alkalis and organic acids, but does not resist phenol and strong mineral acids.

### 9.5.1 Characteristics of Polyamide:

1. Nylon is a clear, tough film with good mechanical properties over a wide

10. They have good grease resistance and

## 9.6 POLYPROPYLENE



Polypropylene was first polymerized in 1951. **Polypropene (PP)** (IUPAC- Poly (1-methylethylene)) was developed by the chemical industry by an addition polymerization. Other names are: Polypropylene; Polypropylene polymers; Propylene polymers; 1-Propene polymers;  $(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)_x$

### 9.6.1 Characteristics of Polypropylene:

1. **Polypropylene (PP)** is one of the lightest plastics.
2. It has a melting point of  $\sim 165^\circ\text{C}$  and a density of  $0.90 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .
3. There are three general types of PP: homopolymer, random copolymer or block copolymer.
4. Two main types are made: Non-oriented polypropylene (OPP).
5. Melt processing of polypropylene can be done by 1) extrusion and 2) molding.
6. **Bi-axially oriented polypropylene (BOPP)**

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13. However, it is more brittle than polyethylene at low temperatures.
14. Its resistance to oils & grease is better than polyethylene.
15. One outstanding property of PP is its resistance to fatigue when flexed.

**Table. 9.2 Properties of Polypropylene**

Sr. No.	Property	Cast PP	Oriented PP
1	Tensile Strength	5000 units	8000 units
2	WVTR (gm/m <sup>2</sup> /day)	11.8	5.4
3	Oxygen Permeability (cc/cm <sup>2</sup> /day)	100	60
4	Behaviour at 0°C	Brittle (It can not be used for freeze dehydration)	Unaltered

### 9.6.2 Applications of Polypropylene:

1. A common application for polypropylene is as Biaxially Oriented polypropylene (BOPP). These BOPP sheets are used to make a wide variety of materials including clear bags. When polypropylene is biaxially oriented, it becomes crystal clear and serves as an excellent packaging material for artistic and retail products.
2. It is used in a wide variety of applications, including packaging, textiles, stationery, plastic parts and reusable containers of various types.
3. It is most commonly used for plastic moldings where it is injected into a mold while molten, forming complex shapes at relatively low cost and high speed.

6. Rugged, translucent, reusable plastic containers of various shapes and sizes for consumers are common. The lids are often made of somewhat more rigid plastic to close it.
7. Polypropylene can also be made into disposable powdered or similar consumer product containers. Terephthalate are commonly used to make bottles.
8. PP can also be used to package soft balaclava. It is flexible enough to fit around irregular shapes.
9. PP has been produced in sheet form for the production of stationary folders, packaging, etc. Its range, durability and resistance to dirt and stains are its characteristics. It is used in many applications.



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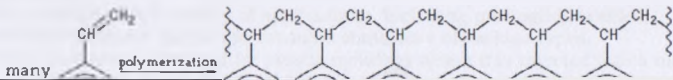
#### 10.1. INTRODUCTION

In this lesson the topics related to different plastic materials like polystyrene, PVC, PVDC, EVA, EVOH etc are discussed in detail.

#### 10.2. POLYSTYRENE (PS)

**Polystyrene** (IUPAC Polyphenylethene) is an aromatic polymer made from the aromatic monomer styrene, a liquid hydrocarbon via the double bond in the ethylene group attached to the benzene ring of the monomer unit that is commercially manufactured from petroleum. **Polystyrene foam (Thermocole) or expanded polystyrene (EPS)** is made by adding hexane during polymerization.

##### 10.2.1. Characteristics



- Polystyrene may be oriented to improve strength.
- It can be used as Expanded Polystyrene.
- Expanded polystyrene is produced from styrene and 5-10% gaseous blowing agent, normally air. The solid plastic is expanded into foam.
- Extruded polystyrene (XPS) is commonly used for insulation. The voids filled with trapped air give it its insulating properties.
- The density of expanded polystyrene is about 200 kg/m<sup>3</sup> depending on how much it is expanded.

### 10.2.2. Copolymers:

- **High-impact polystyrene** or **HIPS**: This is a type of polystyrene that has a fairly high-performance product. It has the properties of a stretchier material, such as rubber. These materials can never normally be mixed together because of the intermolecular forces on polymer chains. During polymerization it can become a copolymer, forming a graft copolymer which helps to toughen the final mix, resulting in "high-impact polystyrene" or "impact plastic". HIPS are usually injected molded. Polystyrene can compress and harden.
- **Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene** or **ABS**: This is a copolymer of acrylonitrile and styrene, toughened with butadiene. It is made of this form of polystyrene, but it does not become brittle over time. ABS is used for many applications.
- Styrene can be copolymerized with other monomers such as divinylbenzene for cross-linking the polymer.
- It has got shining surface, good printing properties.

### 10.2.3. Uses of Polystyrene

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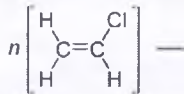
4. The voids in Extruded polystyrene (XPS) are filled with trapped air which give it low thermal conductivity. This makes it ideal as a construction material and it is therefore sometimes used in structural insulated panel building systems. It is also used as insulation in building structures, as molded packing material for cushioning fragile equipment inside boxes, as packing "peanuts", as non-weight-bearing architectural structures (such as pillars), and also in crafts and model building, particularly architectural models. Foamed between two sheets of paper, it makes a more-uniform substitute for corrugated cardboard, trade named Foamcore.
5. Polystyrene is economical and is used for producing plastic model assembly kits, license plate frames, plastic cutlery, CD "jewel" cases, and many other objects where a fairly rigid, economical plastic is desired.
6. Polystyrene can be dish washed at 70 °C without deformation since it has a glass transition temperature of 95 °C.
7. Petri dishes and other containers such as test tubes, made of polystyrene are used in biomedical research and science. For these uses, articles are almost always made by injection molding, and often sterilized post molding, either by irradiation or treatment with ethylene oxide.
8. Polystyrene is also used in preparing breath-in boxes type packaging for fruits, which keeps fruits fresh for longer time.

- Polystyrene, though is an efficient insu from being used in any exposed install retarded e.g. with hexabromocyclo
- Polystyrene is used in some polymer-b also a component of Napalm and a con bombs.

### 10.2.5. Environmental concerns and bans

- Expanded polystyrene is not easily rec low scrap value
- Expanded polystyrene foam takes a ve environment

### 10.3. POLYVINYL CHLORIDE (PVC)



**Polyvinyl chloride**, (as per IUPAC called as **PVC**, is a widely used thermoplastic polymer of the most valuable products of the chem made by the low-pressure polymerization incorporating chlorine atoms, which form str

#### 10.3.1. Characteristics of PVC

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- PVC has excellent oil and grease resistance.
- Heat sealing is good but gives off corrosive HCl vapours.
- PVC is unsuitable for sterilization. It decomposes at about 60°C

### 10.3.2. Health and safety

- Plasticizers used to make soft PVC for toys can leach out into the mouths of the children chewing on the toys. In 2006, the EU placed a ban on six types of phthalate softeners, including DEHP (diethylhexyl phthalate), used in toys. An alternative plasticizer, DINP (diisononyl phthalate) is also found to be risky
- PVC plastic has been used safely for more than 70 years in a variety of medical and commercial applications and humans. No reports of adverse human health effects have been reported from intravenous (IV) bags and medical tubing made with PVC
- **Vinyl chloride monomer:** The carcinogenicity of vinyl chloride monomer to humans who were exposed to very high VCM levels, routinely, for many years have been linked. Vinyl chloride is a known human carcinogen that causes a rare cancer of the liver
- **Dioxins:** The dioxin is produced as a byproduct of vinyl chloride manufacture and from incineration of waste PVC in domestic garbage
- Dioxins are a global health threat because they persist in the environment and can travel long distances
- At very low levels, dioxins have been linked to immune system suppression, reproductive disorders, a variety of cancers, and endometriosis

### 10.3.3. Recycling

- Post-consumer PVC is not typically recycled due to the prohibitive cost of regrinding and recompounding the resin compared to the cost of virgin (unrecycled) resin
- The thermal depolymerization process can safely and efficiently convert PVC into fuel and minerals, according to the company that developed it. It is not yet

5. PVC can also be softened with chemicals and is used for shrink-wrap, food packaging, etc.
6. UPVC (Unplasticized PVC) can sometimes be used for cars window as it is very hard and tough.
7. Food grade PVC can be used for packaging of various items.
8. PVC bottles are used for edible oils, etc.
9. PVC jars are used for chocolate drinks, etc.

#### 10.4. POLYVINYLIDENE CHLORIDE

**Polyvinylidene chloride (PVDC)** is made by the reaction of vinyl chloride and acetylene. It is a white, waxy solid. It is insoluble in water and most organic solvents.

- Ralph Wiley, a Dow Chemical lab worker, discovered polyvinylidene chloride in 1933. Dow researchers used it to make a clear film, first called "Eonite" and then "Saran".
- The most well known use of polyvinylidene chloride is Saran Wrap, a plastic food wrap was introduced in 1950.
- Saran fiber is manufactured by melting polyvinylidene chloride. Saran is pigment dyed before fiber spinning.

##### 10.4.1. Characteristics of PVDC

- PVDC is a clear, heavy, very strong plastic. It is commonly used for packaging cheese, etc.

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(PET). This coating increases the barrier properties of the film, reducing the permeability of the film to oxygen and flavours and thus extending the shelf life of the food inside the package. So used when high barrier characteristics are required, e.g., gas packaging

2. **Household:** Cleaning cloths, filters, screens, tape, shower curtains, garden furniture
3. **Industry:** Screens, artificial turf, waste-water treatment materials, underground materials and industrial applications

### 10.4.3. Limitations of PVDC:

- While extremely useful as a food packaging material, the major disadvantage of Saran is that it will undergo thermally induced dehydrochlorination at temperatures very near to processing temperatures
- This degradation easily propagates, leaving polyene sequences long enough to absorb visible light, and change the color of the material from colorless to an undesirable transparent brown (unacceptable as food packaging)
- Therefore, there is a significant amount of product loss in the manufacturing process, which increases production and consumer costs

## 10.5. ETHYLENE VINYL ACETATE

Ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) is comprised of low-density polyethylene copolymerized with vinyl acetate.

### 10.5.1 Characteristics of EVA

3. The major disadvantage of EVOH film is that it is highly hygroscopic.
  1. When they absorb moisture at high relative humidity, it acts as a plasticizer and the gas barrier properties are overcome by
    - a. Increasing the ethylene content of the tie layer
    - b. Laminating it between two films that are not so hygroscopic
    - c. Adding a desiccant to the tie layer
4. EVOH is commonly used in laminated films where high barrier characteristics are desired, such as in food packaging applications.

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## Lesson-11

### Forms of different plastic materials - 3

#### 11.1 INTRODUCTION

In this lesson the topics related to different plastic materials like PET, Polyurethane, Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, Polycarbonate and Ionomers are discussed in detail.

#### 11.2 POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET)

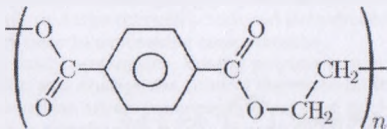


Fig. 11.1: Polyethylene terephthalate

- **Polyethylene terephthalate (PET, PETE** or the obsolete PETP or PET-P) is a thermoplastic polymer resin of the polyester family
- It is used in synthetic fibers; beverage, food and other liquid containers; thermoforming applications; and engineering resins often in combination with glass fiber. It is one of the most important raw materials used in man-made fibers. Depending on its processing and thermal history, it may exist both as an

### 11.4.1 Processing:

There are two basic molding methods, one-step

In two-step molding, two separate machines make the preform. The preform looks like a already molded into place, and the body of the bottle is inflated into its final shape in the second step

In the second process, the preforms are heated and put into a mold to form them into the final shape. Bottles are now also used as containers for cans

In one-step machines, the entire process from extrusion to molding is conducted within one machine, making it especially useful for custom molding, including jars, flat or curved sheets. It is the reduction in space, product handling and cost that can be achieved by the two-step system.

### 11.4.2 Copolymers:

- In some cases, the modified properties of a particular application
- Such copolymers are advantageous for certain

#### 11.2.4 Characteristics of PET:

- PET can be semi-rigid to rigid, depending on its thickness.
- It makes a good gas and fair moisture barrier, as well as a good barrier to alcohol and solvents.
- It is strong and impact-resistant.
- It is naturally colorless with high transparency.
- When produced as a thin film (trade name Mylar), PET is often metalized with aluminum to reduce its permeability, and to make it reflective and opaque.
- PET bottles are excellent barrier materials and are widely used for soft drinks.
- PET or Dacron is also used as a thermal insulation layer.
- For certain specialty bottles, PET sandwiches an additional polyvinyl alcohol to further reduce its oxygen permeability.
- When filled with glass particles or fibers, it becomes significantly stiffer and more durable.
- While all thermoplastics are technically recyclable, PET bottle recycling is more practical than many other plastic applications. The primary reason is that plastic carbonated soft drink bottles and water bottles are almost exclusively PET which makes them more easily identifiable in a recycle stream
- PET is also an excellent candidate for thermal recycling (incineration) as it is composed of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen with only trace amounts of catalyst elements (no sulphur) and has the energy content of soft coal.
- PET can withstand temperature upto 150°C and hence it is heat sterilizable and used for boil-in-bags.

#### 11.3 POLYURETHANE

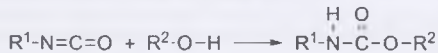


FIGURE 11.2: Generalized polyurethane reaction

## 11.0.1.1 Health and safety aspects:

In addition, additive such as catalysts, surfactants, flame retardants, light stabilizers, and fillers are used in the reaction.

Polyurethane formulations cover an extremely wide density. These materials include:

1. Low density flexible foam used in upholstery
2. Low density rigid foam used for thermal insulation in dashboards
3. Soft solid elastomers used for gel pads and
4. Hard solid plastics used as electronic insulators

Commercial production of flexible polyurethane foams uses toluene diisocyanate (TDI) and polyester polyols. These foams were first developed by the inventors

### 11.0.1.1 Health and safety aspects:

1. Fully reacted polyurethane polymer is chemically stable.
2. It is not regulated for carcinogenicity.
3. Polyurethane polymer is a combustible solid that can support an open flame for a sufficient period of time.
4. Decomposition products include carbon monoxide and hydrogen cyanide.
5. Polyurethane polymer dust can cause mechanical irritation to the lungs.
6. Liquid resin blends and isocyanates may cause

Table 11.1 Characteristics and Uses of polyurethane materials

Density	Stiffness	Flexible	Semi-Rigid	Rigid
6 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Low Density Foams	High resiliency foam for bedding & upholstery	Packaging Foam	Insulation Foam
400 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	High Density Foams	Footwear mid soles & Footwear cut soles	Integral skin foam for vehicle interior	Simulated wood
800 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Microcellular Foams & Elastomers	Fabric coatings and synthetic fibers, Vehicle external parts		Structural Foam
1200 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Solid Elastomers	Coatings, adhesives, sealants and elastomers		
		Print Rollers	Cast Elastomers	RIM Solid plastics

#### 11.4 ACRYLONITRILE BUTADIENE STYRENE (ABS):

##### 11.4.1 Characteristics of ABS:

1. Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, or ABS ( $C_8H_8 \cdot C_4H_6 \cdot C_3H_3N$ )<sub>n</sub> is a common thermoplastic
2. ABS is derived from acrylonitrile, butadiene, and styrene
3. Acrylonitrile is a synthetic monomer produced from propylene and ammonia; butadiene is a petroleum hydrocarbon obtained from butane and styrene monomers, derived from coal, are commercially obtained from benzene and ethylene from coal
4. ABS polymers are resistant to aqueous acids, alkalis, concentrated hydrochloric

##### 11.4.2 Uses of ABS:

ABS can be used between -25 and 60 °C. It is used in products such as piping, musical instruments, shock absorbers, automotive body parts, wheel covers and toys.

It is used for manufacture of inside liner of refrigerator.

#### 11.5 POLYCARBONATE

**Polycarbonates** are a particular group of thermoplastics, which can be injection moulded, and thermoformed; as such, they are widely used in the modern chemical industry. Their interesting properties (high impact resistance and optical properties) position them as important engineering plastics.

##### 11.5.1 Moulding / Extrusion techniques

- Injection moulding into ready articles: light bulbs, safety glasses, automotive headlamp lenses, laboratory equipment, research animal enclosures, drip irrigation
- Extrusion into tubes, rods and other profile shapes
- Extrusion into sheets (0.5-15 mm) and films

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6. Metallized polyester laminates saves 15-20% in material costs besides saving an extra laminating process as compared with other laminated packaging material.
7. Metallized polyester film is used for packaging WMP, Pan masala, nut powder, fruit drinks, coffee etc.

#### **12.2.2 Coated Cellophane Films:**

About 80% of the total film manufactured is coated because plain cellophane is hygroscopic, not moisture proof and not heat sealable.

#### **Nomenclature:**

P = Plain uncoated film

T = Transparent

C = Coloured

M = Moisture proof

A = Anchored (Coated more firmly secured to the base film) hence more resistance to water under wet and humid conditions.

D = Darning (one side coated)

L = Low moisture vapour proof ness

ently. (It is a barrier against non-boring and permeable to water vapour but, impermeable to soluble gases like CO<sub>2</sub>. It is used as a barrier to prevent interchange of moisture with the atmosphere as desired. Used for wrapping bread, so

(ii) **MHT**: Moisture proof & heat sealable. It is used where moisture proof and heat sealability are required. It is used for over wrap for cigarettes, cartons of tea ba

(iii) **MHAT**: Anchored grade of MST film used for packaging particularly hygroscopic frozen food.

(iv) **MHC**: Moisture proof, heat sealable and heat resistant. Amber, yellow or orange film is used for packaging particularly in foods products that have a hi

(v) **LMAT**: Low moisture, heat sealable. This is used for packaging products that are sensitive to deterioration. It is used to pack certain bacons

(vi) **MHADT**: This film has a sealable moisture barrier. The importance of this film is due to i

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wrinkling and shrinkage caused by changing humidity conditions.) It is used for packing desiccated coconut, potato chips, dried foods, biscuits and some type of cheese.

(i) **MSAQ**: opaque grade used for light sensitive foods like cheese, butter etc.

(j) **MTTW**: A non heat sealable Nitrocellulose coated type of cellophane used for twist packaging of sweets.

### **12.3 CO-POLYMER**

At the time of polymerization we can polymerize more than one monomer to form polymers. The resultant polymer is called co-polymer. It has modified/superior properties those are not available in homopolymers.

Advantages of co-polymers:

1. No problems of exudation, migration and leaking associated with plasticizers.
2. Controlling co-polymerization and selecting right type basic monomer combination can produce tailor made Plastic materials.

#### **12.3.1 Other Additives**

Many plastics contain very small amounts of additives such as plasticizers, antioxidants, lubricants, antistatic agents, heat stabilizers, and UV stabilizers. These



**Laminates are used for:**

1. Good water vapour barrier properties
2. Good gas barrier properties
3. Good grease resistance
4. Heat sealing facility
5. To provide strength to the base film
6. To improve toughness
7. To improve tear resistance
8. To improve abrasion resistance
9. To improve machinability
10. To improve printability

Lamination of two or more films improves the mechanical strength of a package. Materials that include

- Plastic to plastic,
- Paper to plastic,
- Paper to aluminum foil, and
- Paper to aluminum foil and then to plastic.

Several methods can be used to laminate material

**(A) Adhesive Lamination:** The webs are bonded together which may be (i) Aqueous, (ii) Lacquer or (iii) Solvent to the web which is subsequently brought in contact through two rollers.

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### 12.4.1 Characteristics of Laminated films:

1. Laminated materials are used when high gas and moisture characteristics are required for a long shelf life.
2. Laminated structures usually consist of an outer protective tougher layer, e.g., nylon or polypropylene, a middle high gas barrier layer, e.g., EVOH or PVDC, and an inner heat sealant layer.
3. LDPE is commonly used as a heat-sealant layer because of its low melting temperature; however, it sometimes does not give a good seal with starchy or greasy food products.
4. The choice of sealant layer for these food products is either EVA or Surlyn.

### 12.4.2 Laminated packaging material:

A laminated packaging material suitable for use in flexible containers for potato chips, corn chips, and the like, have an excellent moisture resistance and sealing properties.

It can comprise:

1. As an outer surface: a transparent sheet of nylon, polyester, cellophane, or polypropylene,
2. A coextruded laminate: A pigmented polyethylene and ethylene acrylic acid copolymer,
3. A metallic foil: Preferably aluminum, and
4. An inner surface: A heat-sealable polyolefin.

### 12.5 ALUMINUM FOILS:

**Cell thicknesses used:**

Use
Confectionary wrapping
Cheese wrapping
Strip packaging, milk bottle caps
Semi - rigid containers
Fat Products
Household Foil
Plated food stuff & pie dish containe

**13.6 CURRENT TRENDS IN USE OF PACKAGING**

Preservation (graphics and material), cost, consumer use and effect on environment are the four most important factors in the packaging industry today. They are fulfilled by the following methods:

1. To cut down the **cost**, the preformed containers such as cream and yogurt, curd, shrikhand etc.
2. Lid machines are being replaced by form-fill-seal machines. Polystyrene (or polypropylene) containers.

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5. High barrier structures/laminate based on polyester / EVOH / polythene and polypropylene / EVOH polythene are being developed for products like yoghurts and milk based desserts.
6. EVOH (Ethylene Vinyl Alcohol) has excellent **gas barrier** properties in dry conditions, and such materials would be particularly suitable for aseptic packaging.
7. EVOH is also more **environment-friendly** than saran, the alternate high barrier material.
8. PVDC however continues to dominate in foods that come in **retorted** pouches. A typical laminate structure for such use might consist of polyester / polypropylene / PVDC / polypropylene.
9. The developments in **laminate** (paper/polyethylene/aluminium/polyethylene) used for milk have been restricted to improvement in print quality, better glass lacquers, more rapid sealing characteristics, using different and thinner polymer films reduce costs mainly by down gauging.
10. Until now, **permeability** in plastic food packaging was provided only by polyvinylidene chlorides (PVDC) and ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH) co-polymers. Recently, a third, complementary polymer, metaxylenediamine and adipic acid

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11. Depending on ethylene content and humidity, **cost / performance**, followed closely by EVOH.
12. EVOH and NMXD<sub>6</sub> are very **sensitive to moisture** and require a multi layer system of blends, as a sandwich.
13. PVDC is not moisture sensitive but is difficult to process, PVDC is, therefore, predominant in retorted food packaging and coating.

## 12.7 COMMON PLASTICS AND THEIR USE

Table 12.1: Common plastics and their uses

No.	Plastic	Use
1	Polypropylene (PP)	Food containers
2	Polystyrene (PS)	Packaging, disposable
3	High impact polystyrene (HIPS)	Fridge lining, buttermilk
4	Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)	Electronic printers, keyboards
5	Polyethylene	Carbonate

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11	Polyvinylidene chloride (PVDC) (Saran)	Laminates of Food packaging viz. retortable pouches
12	Polyethylene (PE)	Wide range of inexpensive uses including supermarket bags, plastic bottles, milk pouch film and as heat sealing layer in laminates/coated films
13	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) (trade name Teflon)	Heat-resistant, low-friction coatings, used in things like non-stick surfaces for frying pans, plumber's tape and water slides, Heat sealing per covering.

Table 12.2: Desirable attributes of commonly used flexible materials

No.	Flexible substrate	Primary function	Other characteristics
1	Paper	Stiffness, Printability	Low cost, rigidity, strength, machine performance. Deficient in: clarity, sealability and barrier properties (Parchment, Glassine)
2	Foil	Barrier properties, Strength, Aesthetic appeal	Lacks clarity, poor printability, Difficulty to seal
3	Cellophane	Clarity, printability, stiffness, machinability	Susceptible to moisture, poor tear strength, not heat sealable.

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8	Polyester	Impact strength, Barrier prop
9	PVC	Economy, versatility, grease r
10	Nylon	Strength, toughness, grease/c
11	Rubber HC	Grease resistance, Heat sealab
	<b>Coating material</b>	<b>Pr</b>
1	Paraffin waxes	Low temp, sealability, econom
2	PVDC (Saran)	Grease Resistance, Barrier pro
3	Ionomer	Heat sealability and grease re
4	Lacquer	Gloss.

Table 12.3: Compatibility of various Packaging laminates

## **Lesson-13**

### **Foils and Laminates - Characteristics and Importance in Food Industry**

#### **13.1 INTRODUCTION**

This lesson covers topics related to foils and laminates, composite cans and barrier properties of different packaging materials in detail.

#### **13.2 ALUMINUM FOIL**

Aluminum foil is sheet metal of a very thin gauge. It is produced by the cold reduction process through which pure aluminum is pressed to reduce its thickness to less than 0.152 mm and annealed to give folding properties. Aluminum foil is used in the form of cups and trays, laminated foil pouches as alternatives to cans or jars, collapsible aluminum tubes for pastes, and aluminum barrels.

##### **13.2.1 The advantages of foil as a packaging material are:**

1. Good appearance
2. Excellent dead-folding properties

To overcome these problems, the foil is often laminated (to increase its strength) and with low-density polyethylene resistance to high-acid products and to oxygen. Aluminum is also used to metallize flexible films.

### 10.3 COMPOSITE CONTAINERS

- Recently due to development of laminated containers with similar properties of a metal container with weight, the use of composite containers is decreasing.
- Therefore, cans made from a combination of materials are now used in place of metal cans.
- Kraft paper is the main component in the composite, with plastic (low-density polyethylene, polypropylene) or foil for added barrier properties. End closures are usually paper, or a combination of these materials.
- Composite cans are manufactured by a spiral winding process, spiral cans dominating the market due to their strength.
- Composite cans are widely used to package a variety of products, including dehydrated baby foods, aseptically packaged liquids, and frozen dough.

### 10.4 BARRIER PROPERTIES OF PACKAGING MATERIALS

Many materials can be selected for packaging. To choose the appropriate packaging material, the following factors should be considered:

1. Gas barrier properties

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- However, the barrier properties to oxygen and moisture may be different and may also vary as a function of the relative humidity and temperature of the storage conditions. E.g. EVOH, a hygroscopic film that is an excellent oxygen barrier at low relative humidity. At higher relative humidity, it absorbs moisture that has a plasticizing effect and reduces the barrier characteristics to oxygen.
- Some films have mixed barrier properties, i.e., low oxygen barrier characteristics and high-moisture vapor barriers. E.g. LDPE, which explains why this film is selected for packaging fresh meat and produce and for frozen stored products to prevent freezer burn.

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	Oxygen Transmission Rate (OTR) of Selected Packaging Materials		Moisture Vapor Transmission Rate (MVTR) of Selected Packaging Materials			Laminated Packaging Materials
	Materials	CC/m <sup>2</sup> /d <sup>a</sup>	Materials	CC/mil/m <sup>2</sup> /d <sup>b</sup>		
1	High Barrier Materials				High Barrier (Flexible)	
	Glass	0	Glass	0	Nylon/Saran/EVA	
	Aluminum	0.1	Aluminum	0	Nylon/Saran/Surlyn	
	EVOH (0% RH)	0.2	HDPE	3.8	Nylon/EVOH/Surlyn	
	PVDC	2.5	PVDC	4.0	PET/Saran/EVA	
			PP	6-10	PET/Saran/Surlyn	
			LDPE	18-23	Nylon/Saran/LDPE	
			Oriented PET	19	PET/Foil/LDPE	
2	Medium Barrier Materials					

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Low Barrier Materials		
Polystyrene	1500	Polystyrene
HDPE	1705	Oriented nylon
PP	2320	Polycarbonate
Polycarbonate	3500	Nonoriented nylon
Surlyn	5500	
LDPE	7500	

<sup>a</sup> Measured @23°C and 0% RH.; <sup>b</sup> Measured @37°C

1 mil = 25 µ = 0.001 in

Table 13.4: Multilayer films used for dairy products

No.	Product	Structure
1	Milk	LDPE/LDPE LD/LLDPE



		PP/Tie/EVOH/Tie/PP	Gas and moisture barrier, sealability
		PET/Met PET/PE	
5	Yoghurt	HIPS/HIPS, PP	Thermoformable
		HIPS/GPPS	2 colour, gloss, strength, Rigidity
6	Cream	PP/PP	Thermoformable, moisture barrier, strength, Rigidity
7	Butter	PA/TIE/LLDPE or LDPE/PA/TLE/Ionomer or EVA  LDPE/TIE/EVOH/ TIE/LDPE(Surlyn)	Good gas, moisture barrier, sealability
		PS/TIE/EVOH/TIE/LDPE(Surlyn)	Thermoformable, good gas and moisture and odour barrier.

## Characteristics of Retort

## 14.1 INTRODUCTION

Retort is a cooking process that uses heat and pressure in a sealed package. Retort Pouches conditions are quite demanding ranging from 120°C to 130°C.

## 14.2 RETORT POUCH PROCESSING OF FOODS

- Retort processing of foods in rigid, semi-rigid containers is the most acceptable form of food preservation.
- It represents unique combination of packaging technology with potential economic benefits.
- Traditionally, tin containers have contributed to consumer confidence in processed foods.
- The increasing public awareness and aversion to chemical preservation like chemical preservation, irradiation and scope for retort processing of foods.
- Different retort grade films are **laminated** to provide the toughness, puncture and burst resistance that is required to withstand the strenuous retort process.



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### 14.2.1 Characteristics of Retort Pouches:

- Because Retort pouches have thinner dimensions, it takes less time to cook food in a flexible retort pouch than in other forms of rigid packaging such as cans and jars. This reduced retort time results in foods that have superior taste in retort pouches.
- Retort Pouch packaging has superior barrier and printing qualities and can be supplied as stand-up, flat or in roll form.
- Retort pouches are suitable to pack a variety of food products.
- The laminated material has a high puncture resistance.
- It offers a variety of styles of retort packaging such as foil based or completely transparent.
- Flexible retort pouches offer a variety of additional benefits over rigid packaging to both retailers and consumers that include:

1. Superior taste due to reduced retort time
2. Extended shelf life in **retort pouches**
3. Reduced storage space, both in warehouse and pantries
4. Reduced transportation costs
5. Easier and safer tear-open/disposal consumer experience
6. Microwave convenience

### 14.2.2 Common Structures used for retort processing:

#### 1. Retortable pouch and packaging material for the retortable pouch comprises

- A laminated base film formed by laminating together a polyester film and an inelastic polypropylene film,
- A laminated cover film formed by laminating together a polyester film and an aluminum foil, and

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- High temperature sterilization, Excellent colors gravure printing, Lower OTR, WTR & laminated layers for better barriers against the major characteristics.
- **Alum-PET / NY / Retortable CPP:** High Retort (MVRT) Microwaveable.
- Microwavable pouch is advanced version of
- It is very convenient to use and microwavable pouch lately.
- Microwavable pouch does not contain aluminum special polyester film.
- It can be used in seafood, stew, meat, curries
- Normally, microwavable pouch is standup pouch put in to the microwave and eat right

#### 14.1 RETORTABLE POUCHES



## Lesson-15

### Forms of packages used for packaging of food and dairy products

#### 15.1 INTRODUCTION

In this lesson the topics related to different forms of package like foils, containers, jars, blister packs, pouches etc are discussed in detail.

#### 15.2 DEVELOPMENTS IN PACKAGE FORMS:

1. In Paleolithic times, food was consumed where found and when needed, man used natural containers such as hollow tree trunks, gourds, hollow rocks, shells, leaves and pieces of bark.
2. In later times man learned to fashion containers from natural materials. He deliberately hollowed out logs of stones, and animal parts used such as bladders, skins, horns, bones, sinews and hair.
3. Mesolithic man stored food surpluses in baskets made of rushes and grasses.
4. Neolithic man fashioned metal containers and discovered pottery.
5. From prehistoric times until about 1200 AD the status of packaging could be summed up as follows:

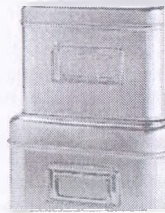
Material	Package Forms & Uses
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### 18.2.1. Common Package Forms:

- (A) **Rigid Packages:** They are formed in to strong materials, so that they retain their shape not deformed unless subjected to sufficient damage the total structure. Eg. Metal, glass.
- (B) **Semi-rigid Packages:** They are formed in massive or weaker materials, so that although distorted substantially when filled with product without severely damaging the total structure. Eg. Collapsible tubes, Bag-in-box systems.
- (C) **Flexible Packages:** They are formed to made from sufficiently flexible materials that conform to the product they contain and may be deformed supported by the rigidity of the product. Eg.

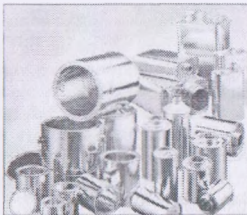
Some of the important package forms are discussed below:

### 18.2 METAL BOXES/CANS/TINS:



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### 15.3.1 Metal cans:



1. Traditionally, cans have been made from soldered triplet steel. More recently aluminum can has been introduced. Today there are several more choices available: standard tinfoil, light weight double reduced tinfoil, tin free steel (coated), vacuum - deposited aluminum on steel and aluminum.
2. Can bodies can be soldered, welded or cemented. Steel bodies can be combined with aluminum ends. Many new easy open devices are available for cans ranging from pop-tabs for beverages to complete removal of lids or panels for frozen or meat products.
3. Can coatings are now regarded as vital components - especially for foods and beverages. Coatings must be non-toxic and free from odour or taste. They must not deteriorate or come loose from the can wall during food processing and storage. Interior coating are made from acrylics, alkyds, butadienes, epoxy amines, epoxy - esters, epoxy - phenolics, oleoresins, phenolics and vinyls depending upon the type of food and process. Outside coatings include acrylics, alkyds, oleoresins, phenolics and vinyls and are usually pigmented. They are less exposed to food contact but must survive processing and be receptive to further decorative coatings and inks.
4. The tinfoil is made of thin sheets (0.025mm thick) of mild steel coated on both sides with a layer of pure tin. The steel sheet is made by

apply a thin coating to the sheet. The coated sheet is then heated in an oven, which causes the lacquer to dry and form a protective film. The sheet can then be made into cans exactly as plain sheet.

Types of metal cans used for Dairy Products are:

A	Open Top	D	Valve
B	Vent hole	E	Sanitary
C	Drawn		

### 10.3.2 Tin packaging:

1. It is one of the earliest food packages and the first supply of conveniently packaged food ever. The concept of food preservation was understood.
2. As for the developments in the tin can, the first problem of contamination of canned foods have led to the development of the welded can by the welded one.
3. Continuous efforts are on to improve and develop polyester lacquer, and to reduce tin coating.
4. Tin - free steel (TFS) can, an economic alternative to the tin can is also being used extensively.
5. With respect to developments in India, so far as tin packaging is concerned, a significant development is the partial replacement of the tin can by the indigenous one.
6. For carbonated beverages, aluminum cans with thin walls can be used taking advantage of the high strength of aluminum to obtain structural rigidity and strength.
7. With aluminum becoming costlier now, the

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### 15.5.1 Bottles:



1. Bottles are the most extensively used type of glass container.
2. They may be many different shapes but the neck is always round and much narrower than the body. The neck facilitates pouring and reduces the size of the closures required.
3. Principal uses are for liquids or small sized solids.
4. Until recently, almost all milk was packaged in glass bottles.
5. The increase in supermarket shopping and the decrease in home delivered milk has decreased the usage of glass milk bottles.
6. Glass milk bottles originally were round, tapering to a rather wide mouth with a thick flange. The move to a squared body saved considerable space in the home refrigerator.
7. Glass bottles average about 50 trips and are packed at rates up to 24000 per hour.
8. Brown glass is used sometimes to filter out harmful light (UV light).
9. Bottle closures are formed from aluminum foil, high density polyethylene, polypropylene and paper board.
10. Most closures are applied by automatic machinery at high speeds.

### 15.5.3 Jars:



#### 10.5.4 Tumblers:

1. These are like jars but they are open-end.
2. They have no neck and no 'finish'.
3. They are shaped like a drinking glass and jellies.

#### 10.5.5 Jugs:

1. These are large-sized bottles with carrying.
2. Necks are usually short and narrow.
3. They are usually used for liquids in large.

#### 10.5.6 Carboys:

1. These are very heavy shipping containers having 10 liters or more capacity.
2. Typically they have been used with a wood protective frames are now finding use.

#### 10.5.7 Vials and Ampoules:



1. These are small glass containers.

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2. Molded paper and picnic plates both rectangular and round with and without compartmentation have been made for several decades.
3. Pulp board trays are also used to package meats and produce in supermarkets.
4. Aluminum foil containers are available in many shapes.
5. Convoluted and spiral wound canisters made from paper are used extensively, with asphalt providing moisture barrier.
6. Aluminum foil liner is used to provide superior moisture barrier.
7. Foil is also incorporated as an inner liner, thereby making it possible to package liquids.
8. With the introduction of plastic that could be thermoformed, a wide variety of molded plastic boxes, trays, pans and the like became possible.

### 15.7 WOODEN AND CARDBOARD BOXES:



1. One of the earliest packaging materials, and one that is still very useful, is wood in its various forms.
2. Although it is used less frequently as other more sophisticated materials are substituted, it has still an important place in industrial packaging for heavy and or fragile items that require rigidity and strength.
3. The different types of packaging made from wood include baskets and hampers, tight and slack barrels, nailed wood boxes and crates, wire bound boxes pallets and skids, and containerization units.
4. They are made from lumber, veneer, or plywood.
5. Veneer is defined as wood that is less than 3/8" thick, regardless of whether it is sawed, sliced, or rotary-cut.

### 15.7.1 Nailed Boxes:

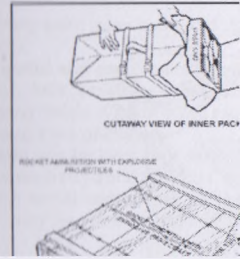
1. If protection from moisture, rapid assembly and disassembly, and attractive appearance is more important, then nailed boxes are the best choice.

### 15.7.2 Nailed Boxes:



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### 15.7.3 Wire bound boxes:



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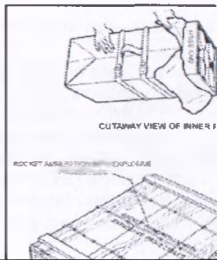
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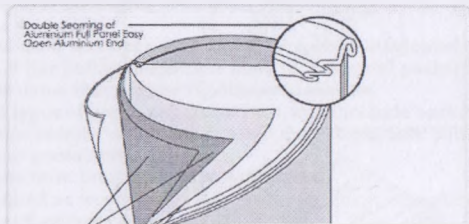
### 18.7.3 Wire bound boxes:



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5. **Boxes** are usually solidly walled, rectangular shaped, nailed wooden containers and will vary in construction and in extra cleats and braces as may be required by the load. The top, bottom, and sides of a box provide the main structural strength.
6. **Crates** are similar to boxes but may be of lighter weight and more open construction - that is spaces may be left between boards or the crack may be fully enclosed or sheathed.
7. A crate differs from a box in that the frame members carry the load. The sheath merely encloses, hence sheathing may be corrugated fiber board or thin plywood or light weight lumber.
8. Other joining methods may be used for boxes and crates. These include metal fasteners, glues, and wires or wire tapes. When using wires, thinner side, top and bottom sheathing can be utilized as the wires add strength. Cleated ends and stiffeners provide the structured strength required.
9. Advantage of wooden boxes and crates depend on the relative cost, strength, and weight ratios involved.
10. In most food uses today, wooden containers are being phased out and solid or corrugated fiberboard containers are replacing them. Some wood is still used for reinforcing cleats and bottoms.

### 15.8 COMPOSITE CONTAINERS:



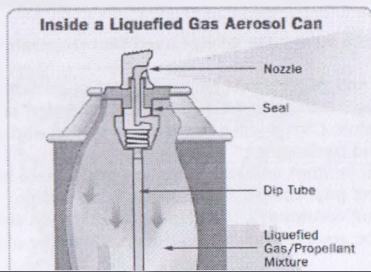
1. Three basic types are available:
  1. **Spiral-wound** containers: They are made of two or more plies of board are glued together.
  2. **Convolute-wound** composites: They are made of two plies and is used for squares, oblongs and circles.
  3. **Lap-wound**: Lap-seam bodies are made of two blanks and joined at the side with adhesive.
2. The convolute method Spiral winding does not work for convolute winding and for larger packages for shipping and storage is of paramount importance. Convolute will outperform spiral winding.
3. Body materials used are chipboard and Kraft paper.
4. Linings used are vegetable parchment, wax paper and polyethylene coated paper. Other lining materials are used for product to be packaged.
5. Composite cans are closed by either a snap-on or a screw-on device.
6. In the non-detachable type of closure, perforated devices are used as well as double seamed ends.
7. Specific advantages in using composite cans are:
  1. Economics.
  2. In recent years, composite cans have widely replaced other food products.
  3. Combinations of metal and paperboard or plastic are incorporating films, foils, coatings or adhesives are used in applications in many fields. Citrus juice cans and coffee cans are examples among food packages.
10. Expensive materials can be kept to a minimum by being supported by inexpensive paperboard for strength.
11. In comparison with metal containers, a fabric lining provides insulation, which may be good or bad, depending on what it contains.

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1. A large version of the fibre can is the fibre drum that is used for shipping bulk chemicals and other industrial products.
2. Fibre drums are generally used for dry products, although with suitable plastic liners they can be used for pastes and certain types of liquids.
3. A wide range of sizes is available from stock, with end pieces of metal, wood or fiberboard, and body constructions that include a variety of laminations and coatings.
4. Fiber drums are light in weight and they have exceptional strength in proportion to their weight.
5. Although a fibre drum is essentially a single trip container, it is sometimes reconditioned and used for several trips.

### 15.10 AEROSOL CONTAINERS:

**The aerosol can generally a 3 piece or 2 piece tin plate or aluminum container that has been specially designed to hold a product under high internal pressure and to dispense the product through an aerosol valve.**



- The basic components of the package are protective cap.
- The container must be gas-tight and may aluminum cans, glass, plastic, or a comb related to safety (ability to hold pressure compatibility).
- There are several types of aerosols which mprays, dusts or foams depending upon t product/propellant arrangement.
- A Single phase aerosol contains a liquid p propellant layer.
- A two phase aerosol contains a liquid pro plus a compressed gas propellant layer.
- A three phase aerosol contains a layer of und a layer of propellant vapor. Removal to boil and replenish the vapour phase.
- Piston aerosols contain a flexible plastic b propellant gas.
- Co-dispensing aerosols disperse two prod
- **Use:** Aerosol containers have been used f mixes, cake icings, pan cake mixes, syru whipped cream, pan release spray and ch

#### 10.1 Advantages and disadvantages of aer

- The convenience of dispensing materials is an outstanding feature of this type of p
- The other advantages are premixing, lack even when partly used.

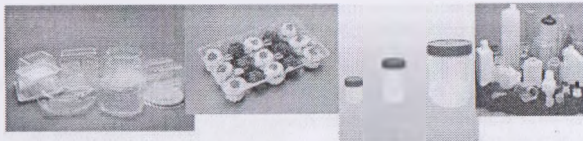
#### Disadvantages:



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### 15.11 RIGID PLASTIC PACKAGES

A wide variety of rigid plastic can be used in the form of thermoformed, injection molded or blow molded containers.



Rigid Plastic  
Packages

Thermoformed

Injection  
Molded

Blow  
Molded

### 15.12 BLISTER PACKS



- A colorful graphic design on the blister card is placed at a certain distance and puts his eyes on the product through the blister card.

### 18.13 TRANSPORT / SHIPPING PACKAGES

#### 18.13.1 Master Packages:

- Normally they are outer containers in which unit packages are placed to give protection against transportation.
- These master packs also could be unitized in pallets or loaded into containers of 5, 10 or 20 units to reduce the minimum handling of unit packages.
- The unitization either in pallets or containers is done because since the cost of the master pack will be considerable and it is designed for transport on its own.
- The transport packages could be broadly classified into two types:

i	<b>Rigid</b>	
	Wooden cases	Plywood
	Wooden crates	Plastic
	Wooden barrels	Plastic
	Metallic crates	Tin cans
	Composite containers	Metal
ii	<b>Collapsible (Rigid when erected) containers</b>	
	Wooden crates (wire bound)	Plywood
	Hardboard	Corrugated

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- **Solid and corrugated fiberboard materials** are used to fabricate shipping cartons and cases used extensively in wholesale and Industrial shipping.
- They are not usually used as direct containers for foods but are extensively employed as after shippers for food packages i.e. cans and bottles.
- Both are made from heavy fibrous craft paperboards.
- Solid fiberboard is made by gluing several plies of paperboard together. By using asphalt or special resin adhesives, such as urea formaldehyde, enhanced moisture resistance may be built in. Selection of weight, fibrous construction and number of plies is related to the desired burst, tear, puncture and bend resistance.
- Corrugated fiber board is made from similar base materials but is generally thinner, as it is then constructed by combining facing (flat sheet) and liners (corrugated or fluted sheets) by means of adhesives.
- There are four major types of corrugated paperboard:
  - Unlined single faced,
  - Double faced,
  - Double walled, and
  - Triple walled.
- The first two types are used for wrappings of fragile objects or as interior padding of boxes.
- The latter two types are used where exceptional strength and rigidity are essential.
- Double - faced corrugated is the most commonly used type for boxes liners and partitions.
- Each flute has particular properties with respect to load support in each of the three possible directions.
- In double wall construction different flutes can be combined.
- Corrugated containers are now available with easy open tear strips, self locking assembly and smooth white liners permitting flexographic printing on the exterior. Special reinforcements can be employed. Where strength is less important molded pulp has been used for liner material.

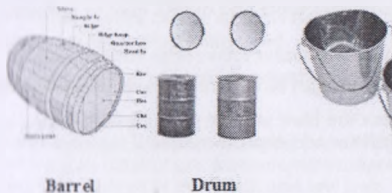
## 10.14.2 Advantages:

### Disadvantages:

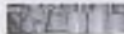
- 1. Low wet strength - newer techniques of manufacture eliminating this disadvantage.

## 10.14.3 Cylindrical shipping containers:

- 1. Cylindrical containers have high stacking strength handling.
- 2. They may be made from fiberboard, glass, metal.
- 3. A **barrel** is a cylindrical container of greater length than ends of equal diameter and bulging at the wide ends.



- 1. A **drum** has straight sides and flat or bumped ends.
- 2. A **pot** is a cylindrical or tapered (truncated cone) without a wire handle or bail.
- 3. Small pots may be called **cans**.

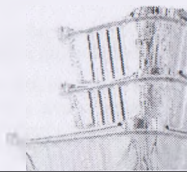


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interior facings of special papers, foils, or plastics such as glassine, parchment, aluminium foil, polyethylene, or pliofilm, they may be used successfully for bulk shipment of foods as the linings prevent contamination of the food or weakening of the container. Other barrier components can be built into the side wall at time of lamination. These may be asphalt, foil, or polyethylene to achieve a moisture barrier.

- **Steel drums** are used as single trip or returnable containers. Drum heads may be removable or fixed. Fixed heads may be fastened to the body by brazing, welding or double seaming. Some drums are formed in two halves and joined circumferentially at the waist.
- Drums may be fitted with removable covers which are of the friction lid type or which may be held in place by locking rings or lugs.
- Tight head drums or pails are furnished with small capped or screw plug openings for easy of pouring. Additional vents and drains may be specified.
- Aluminum drums are designed to have similar features to steel drums. Stainless steel drums are used where corrosion resistance or high levels of sanitation are required.
- Latest types of drum constructions are blow molded polyethylene drums as the primary container and a steel shell for added protection and rigidity.

### 15.14 SEMI - RIGID CONTAINERS



## 18.18 SET UP PAPERBOARD BOXES

- 1 Four basic components are used to make set up boxes - paperboard, adhesive, corner stays, and covering.
- 2 Paperboard is selected to give the right weight and strength required.
- 3 Sheets of the boxboard are cut and scored, the flaps are glued, and the corner stays are adhered.
- 4 This is repeated for the cover.
- 5 Finally the covering material is glued on.
- 6 Coverings may be coloured papers, foil laminated papers, and printed litho papers.
- 7 Boxes can be made in almost any shape and size and in various arrangements - separate or hinged.
- 8 Semi-rigid plastics can be used as lids for set up boxes and windows can be similarly employed.

### 18.18.1 Advantages & Disadvantages of Paperboard Boxes

- 1 Convenience, individuality, strength, reusability, protection and display are the main advantages of paperboard boxes.
- 2 Equipment required is minimum and low cost.
- 3 Boxes are shipped set up - hence no set up time.
- 4 Small quantities are no more expensive than large quantities. Inventories unnecessary.

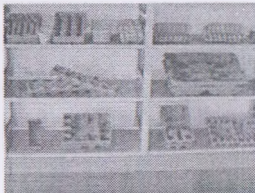
### Disadvantages of Paperboard Boxes:

- 1 Generally higher cost in comparison to folding cartons in large quantities.

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- There are two common styles of folding cartons and a large number of special constructions.
- **Tube types** are one piece cartons that are bent into a tube (generally square) with a longitudinal glued body seam. End flaps are glued shut, tucked or self-locking.
- **Tray types** may be one or two piece with or without a lid. They are shipped flat and are set up and glued to form the tray and / or lid in the packager's plant. Some tray types are glued by the box manufacturer and folded flat along diagonal score lines. They can be snapped open to set up.
- Carriers for cans or bottles are special types of folding cartons.
- Cartons may be printed, embossed or die cut prior to blanking. Printing may be by letter press, offset lithography or rotogravure.
- Folding cartons are widely used for both solid and liquid foods.
- **Advantages** are low cost, ease of automatic high speed set up, filling and closing, good stack ability, easy opening and reclosure and excellent graphics.

### 15.17 MOLDED PULP CONTAINERS



- When a fibrous material is mixed with water and molded, a molded pulp

## 18.18 FLEXIBLE PACKAGES



- 1 Flexible packages are made from combination of
- 2 These include the basic substrate, laminating and
- 3 decorative coatings, and decorative inks.
- 4 There are literally millions of possible combinations
- 5 By selecting appropriate components and tailoring them
- 6 possible to meet the packaging needs of a particular

## 18.19 WRAPPERS





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- The simplest wrappers are sheets of paper, metal foil or plastic film with or without decoration.
- Many films can be heat sealed but paper and foil require coatings in order to make them heat sealable.
- Early types of paper wrappers were glued shut.
- The earliest types of heat - seal coating were waxes.
- Many advances have been made in wax formulations and hot melt so that today some wrappers can be sealed with pressure alone (cold tack adhesives).
- The advent of plastic resin coatings such as the vinyls, nitrocelluloses, sarans and polyolefins made it possible not only to add heat seal properties but also to substantially improve strength and barrier properties of laminates of paper and plastics.
- Metal foil is in itself an excellent barrier. Coating and other substrates serve only to add strength, decoration and heat sealability.
- A wrapper that comes in direct contact with a food such as candy or a loaf of bread is called an **intimate wrap** whereas if it wraps an inner package such as a carton it is called an **overwrap**.
- Wraps may be purchased as roll stock or as precut sheets. The latter are usually used for hand or semi automatic production.
- Other variations of wrappers include **labels** which wrap only part of a rigid package and serve primarily to identify the contents. Some completely wrapped around labels on paper containers contribute barrier protection also.
- Another variation of a wrapper is a **bundling overwrap** which combines several smaller packages into one larger unit. Plastic film **shrink wraps** serve this function. The ultimate is extremely large pallet overwraps where a plastic film stabilizes an entire pallet load of smaller packages.
- There are at least 13 distinct types of twists and folds by which wrapper may be closed neatly before sealing. Over wrapping machinery has been developed for each type of wrap and fold and for specific products.

## 15.20 PREFORMED BAGS OR ENVELOPES

- Multiwall sacks are either 'sewn' across the construction.
- The side seams in either case are glued.
- If only one of the ends is closed, the container is not suitable for long-term storage.
- In other cases both ends are closed except for a flap which may have an extended 'sleeve' that is used for the check valve action of an internal sleeve. A sleeve in a pasted bag will give the least amount of leakage.

#### 14.20.2 Bags:

- Plastic bags and paper bags require complex construction both for manufacturing and for sealing.
- Plastic bags may be made from plastic tubing and joined in 'back-seam' construction.
- Either of these can be 'flat' or they can be 'gusseted' to complete the closure.
- In some cases a web of film is folded and heated to form a gusset.
- The folded edge forms the bottom and can be used for a gusset if desired.
- The top edge usually has a lip for easy opening. The advantage of a side seam bag over the other is that it is easier to fill.

#### 14.20.2.1 Advantages & Disadvantages of Bags:

1. The paper bag is lowest in unit cost,
2. It keeps shipping costs to a minimum since the weight to volume ratio.
3. They are essentially dust-tight and protect contents from contaminations.
4. They can be tailored to fit snugly around the contents.

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### 15.21 RETORTABLE POUCHES



- A typical laminate for retortable pouch is 0.0005 polyester / 0.00035 foil / 0.003 polypropylene, with the outer ply designated first as is customary for pouch material.
- Filled pouches are sterilized at 115-121°C, with overriding air pressure of ~ 2 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> to prevent bursting.
- Pouch material that will not delaminate at these temperatures must be selected, and the seals should withstand a tensile test of 0.08 kg/m of width, internal pressure of 1 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> for 30 s, pinhole strength of 0.6 kg and a drop test of 1.22 m.

### 15.22 MULTILAYER COLLAPSIBLE TUBES (MLCT)



- The entire tube is formed by impact extrusion, is trimmed, threaded and annealed.
- Exteriors are decorated by roller coating and
- Interiors may be lined by dipping, flushing or coatings.
- Linings may be waxes or vinyls, phenolic or
- Product is filled through the open bottom wh
- In use, the closure is removed, the interior s
- product is dispensed through the nozzle by s
- Tubes are marketed on cards, in blister pack
- Blow-molded **plastic tubes** are now being us
- disadvantage is lack of dead - fold. They tend
- making total dispensing of the product diffic
- Tubes are best for packaging thick liquids or
- It is used for packaging of process cheese sp
- ketch-ups.

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## Lesson-16

### Safety requirements of packaging materials and product information

#### 16.1 INTRODUCTION

Most of the packaging related regulatory initiatives are concerned to the Product quality, Public Health and Hygiene, Safety, Export Promotion, Transportation and Consumer protection.

Packaging needs to communicate clearly all the mandatory information about the product to the consumer. Wrong information given on the package could mislead the consumer. Moreover, the packaging must communicate the way to handle the package or the product. This helps in protecting the consumers from accidents that could occur while opening the pack or during disposal, as in the case of glass bottles.

The international markets are governed by various packaging rules and regulations that make it mandatory for an exporting country to abide by them. Therefore, packaging for exports should comply with global norms to match with international standards. Government of India has instituted various laws and regulations. All these

## 16.2 NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PLASTICS AS PA

### 16.2.1 Negative health effects:

Following plastics have been associated with nega

PVC (polyvinyl chloride) contains numerous to  
Phthalates ("plasticizers"), which are used to soft  
form.

The World Health Organization's International Ag  
has recognized the chemical used to make PVC,  
carcinogen.

- Plasticizers used to make soft PVC for toys  
children chewing on the toys. In 2006, the  
phthalate softeners, including DEHP (diethyl  
alternative plasticizer, DINP (diisononyl pht
- PVC plastic has been used safely for more t  
and commercial applications and humans.  
effects have been reported from intravenous  
with PVC
- **Vinyl chloride monomer:** The carcinogenic  
humans who were exposed to very high VCl  
have been linked. Vinyl chloride is a known  
rare cancer of the liver
- **Dioxins:** The dioxin is produced as a bypro  
and from incineration of waste PVC in dem

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into food and liquid and acts like estrogen. Research in Environmental Health Perspectives finds that BPA (leached from the lining of tin cans, dental sealants and polycarbonate bottles) can increase body weight of lab animals' offspring, as well as impact hormone levels. A more recent animal study suggests that even low-level exposure to BPA results in insulin resistance, which can lead to inflammation and heart disease.

### 16.2.2 Negative effects on environment

1. Plastics are durable and degrade very slowly.
2. In some cases, burning plastic can release toxic fumes.
3. The manufacturing of plastics often creates large quantities of chemical pollutants.
4. Thermoplastics can be remelted and reused, and thermoset plastics can be ground up and used as filler, though the purity of the material tends to degrade with each reuse cycle.
5. To assist recycling of disposable items, the Plastic Bottle Institute of the Society of the Plastics Industry devised a now-familiar scheme to mark plastic bottles by plastic type. A recyclable plastic container using this scheme is marked with a triangle of three "chasing arrows", which encloses a number giving the plastic type i.e. Resin identification code.
6. Unfortunately, recycling plastics has proven difficult. The biggest problem with plastic recycling is that it is difficult to automate the sorting of plastic waste, and so it is labor intensive.

Recycling certain types of plastics can be unprofitable, as well, e.g. polystyrene is rarely recycled because it is usually not cost effective. These unrecyclable wastes can

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food/pharmaceutical are absorbed into plastic and product leads to spoilage.

In case of PE bottles, the milk fat gets into plastic and acidity of the product and therefore such bottles packaging material reacts with each other. Human consumption of such product which increases the blood. Therefore, for food grade plastics, two types

1. **Global migration:** Includes all substances in the sum of all mobile packaging components, both toxic/non-toxic, even substances physiologically active also.
2. **Specific migration:** Includes one or two substances only. For these reasons Toxicological substances are used.

Overall migration units are fixed at 10 mg/cm<sup>2</sup> for plastic material or articles in the following cases as per E

- Containers or articles which are similar to those which can be filled to a capacity of less than 250 ml per container and surface area of contact with the food stuff.

packaging, Bombay) have built up infrastructural facilities to assess the compatibility of plastics and also to estimate the migration.

### 16.3.1 Residual toxic compounds likely to be transferred to food through plastics:

1. **Monomers and oligomers:** Polymers have very high molecular weight and hence not assimilated by the body. Monomers being small may be assimilated by the body and therefore may pose health problems.
2. **Polymerization residues:** There may be presence of catalysts, solvents, emulsifiers and wetting agents having low molecular weight. During film container manufacturing a variety of processing aids are added which are
  - a. **Antioxidants:** To prevent fading of colour and prevent cracking, viz. BHA/BHT etc.
  - b. **Antiblock agents:** To avoid blocking of film i.e. when it is drawn rolled the film surfaces should not adhere to each other.
  - c. **Antistatic agents:** They are important in packaging industries, when two materials/surfaces are in contact, the electrons on the surface atoms intermingle and may move from one material to another.

- d. **Plasticizers:** At lower processing temperature of polymer and modify processing conditions these functions by acting as lubricants between plastic to slide over one another free from the resin. Plasticizers tend to ooze out of plastic and they may migrate from one plastic to another (they are in contact). They may also migrate to the product. Even some plastic becomes brittle. The use of plasticizers is in PVC – PVC. Therefore PVC has poor resistance to oil products.
- e. **Lubricants:** Internal lubricants such as stearic acid reduce friction between plastic molecules, and stearic acid reduce friction with processing equipment.
- f. **Slip agents** like Silicon components help in processing.

Many additives used, may migrate to food. Therefore, they should be with list of safe components.

However, in case of recycled materials, it is almost impossible to know the prescribed unit, hence should never be used for



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DEHA- BIS-2-Ethyl Hexyl Adipate BBP: Butyl Phenyl Methyl or Butyl Benzyl Phthalate

DEHP: Bis-2- Ethyl Myxyl or Di-Ethyl Hexyl Phthalate

### 16.3.3 Factors involved in migration:

1. Composition and properties of packaging materials
2. Composition and properties of food stuffs
3. Surface (plastic) to volume (food) ratio
4. Temperature conditions
5. Duration of contact
6. Influence of light

### 16.4 (43-A). RESTRICTION ON ADVERTISEMENT-

There shall be no advertisement of any food which is misleading or contravening the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 (37 of 1954) or the rules made thereunder.

**Explanation:** The term 'Advertisement' means any visible representation or announcement made by means of any light, sound, smoke gas, print, electronic media, internet or website"

**Test procedures that are applicable for general classes of materials or packages are available and published in standardized form. The institutions**

6	FEFCO	Federation Europeenne des Methods
7	PIFA	Packaging and Industrial Film
8	ABA	American Box Board Associati
9	BPBMA	British Paper and Board Manu
10	NFPA	National Flexible Packaging As
11	PFMA	Packaging Film Manufacturers
12	FPA	Flexible Packaging Association
13		Federation of Corrugated Box

**(K) LIST OF APPROVED INDIAN STANDARD  
RECOGNITION SCHEME**

<b>A. PAPER &amp; PAPER BOARD</b>		
<b>SI. NO.</b>	<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
1	1397	Kraft Paper Specification Re
2	1848	Writing and Printing Specifi
3	6956	Cover paper specification Y
<b>B. STEEL / METAL</b>		

		1992 Reaffirmed 2003
2	6312	Polyethylene Containers for the Transport of Material - specification Year 1994 Reaffirmed 1999
3	8069	High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Woven Sacks for Packing Pesticides - Specification (Second Revision) Year 1989 Part (1 & 2 ) Reaffirmed 1997
4	2508	Low Density Polyethylene Specification Year 1984 Reprint Dec 1996
<b>D. PLASTIC FEEDING BOTTLE</b>		
1	14625	Plastic Feeding Bottle Year 1999 Reaffirmed 2004
<b>E. PACKAGED MINERAL WATER</b>		
1	15410	Containers for packaging of Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water Specification Year 2003
2	15609	Specification for polyethylene Flexible pouches for the packaging of Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water Reprint August 2005
<b>F. JUTE FABRIC</b>		
1	1943	Textile - A - Twill Jute Bags Year 1995 Reprint 1999
2	2566	Textile - B - Twill Jute Sacking Bags for packing Food Grains
3	7407	Specifications for Jute Tarpaulin Fabric Year 1980 1st Reprint September 1996

**17.1 INTRODUCTION**

The appropriate packaging of milk is of utmost nutritive value and saving of wastage, but also better returns. The challenge to the packaging of milk to the consumer in most economical, hygienic package.

There are two main types of packaging systems. One system in which container is to be returned and another container is disposable and does not travel back. In the distribution system there are several alternative materials, shapes, sizes, forms and machines available.

For selection of a suitable package material, the characteristics of milk/ milk products is essential.

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### **17.5.2 Returnable Plastic Bottles:**

Plastic bottles reduce the weight and the chances of breakage are rare but most other characteristics of packaging milk in glass bottles remain same.

### **17.5.3 Non-Returnable Plastic Bottles:**

This system reduces transport charges through light weight and one way of delivery of bottles in a convenient way in comparison to any other system.

Ex: HDPE with PP lid, car buoy.

#### **17.5.3.1 Plastic Films:**

Plastic pouches are generally made of low-density polyethylene (LDPE) film. Co-extruded LDPE-LLDPE film is also used because of its advantage of eliminating pin-hole problems. The films are of 45-75 $\mu$  thick. The pouches are formed and filled on form-fill-seal (FFS) machines in capacities of 200, 500ml and 1000 ml. The film should conform to IS: 11805 – 1999. The plastic pouches are clean, hygienic and safe for this application and since these are not reused, the cleaning operation is eliminated and energy loss is avoided. Moreover, these pouches are easily recyclable for other purpose.

**17.5.3.1.1: Developments in milk packaging in plastic pouches:** The milk pouch

### 17.8.1.2 Aseptic Packaging of Milk:

Aseptic or long-life milk was originally introduced originally called the "Tetra-pack" system. It utilizes a sterile filling environment heater. Aluminium foil is an inner liner in order to provide a barrier against light and gas. It is heated to 73– 85°C then rapidly raised to 135 °C for fractionation and cooled by flashing into a vacuum chamber. It must be stored under aseptic conditions. No refrigeration is necessary for aseptically packaged milk. Without refrigeration a self life of up to 1 year is possible.

In the distribution system, the pouches are placed in plastic crates. The crates are made of HDPE or PP and plastic crates shall conform to specifications laid down in the standard.



## Lesson-18

### UHT-Sterilized milk

#### 18.1 INTRODUCTION

High heat treatment of milk is not enough to give long shelf life of UHT milks if packaging is not proper. So packaging plays an important role in UHT products.

UHT milks, like pasteurized and sterilized milks, can be packed in plastic bottles and pouches. The bottles may be blow-moulded at the point of packing, or pre-moulded on either unsterilized or sterilized form. Because of the shelf-life requirements of UHT milks, multiple laminates, for example a triple layer of high density polyethylene are used. An intermediate light barrier may be incorporated, according to the manufacturer's preference. Oxygen penetration during storage is not usually a problem. Whatever the source of bottles, aseptic techniques are used in filling and sealing to prevent contamination, and milk can be expected to have a shelf-life of 6 months at ambient temperatures.

For short shelf-life (10-15 days) products, pouches are usually made of white polyethylene and paper.

##### 18.1.1 Cans

The lids are applied and sealed in a chamber for  
free gas.

#### 18.1.2 Paper Board Cartons:

This kind of packaging materials are common  
milk, cream, fruit juices, soups etc. The filling is  
two types: those in which the carton is formed  
of material; and those in which the cartons are  
flat, which are assembled into cartons in the fi  
composed of printed-

paper coated with aluminium foil and several pl  
polyethylene-aluminium foil polyethylene). The  
package is coated with a special layer facilitating  
specific function:



1. Poly

2. Pap

3. Pol

## 18.2 FLAVOURED MILK:

Flavoured milk drinks are generally skimmed or partly-skimmed and contain less than 1.5% fat. The package should be leak and tamper proof, should have sufficient wet strength and should not pass on any odour or taint to the product packed inside. The plastic based material used for sachets is octane LLDPE (O-LLDPE). OLLDPE when blended with 50% LDPE provides excellent puncture resistance, excellent seal strength. Co-extended multiple layers low-density films with an outer opaque film and an inner black film for reducing the transmission of light are also used.

In India, flavoured milk drinks are available in sterilizable crown cork glass bottles, glass bottles with aluminium foil lid or snap-on plastic lid, plastic sachets and aseptic packs (Tetra bricks). Recently 200ml, translucent bottles of HDPE with an aluminium foil cap have also been introduced. Poly carbonate bottles with the leak proof screw cap are also used in place of glass bottles as these are unbreakable and are much lower in weight (1/6th the weight of glass bottle). PET containers are in use as they are light in weight, have good sales appeal and are strong.



## Lesson-1

### Aseptic packa

#### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

Aseptic packaging is a packaging concept which is used under sterile conditions. The history of aseptic packaging goes back to 1902 when a patent was filed for a process, termed as aseptic packaging, prior to 1913 by J. Nielson-following Orla Jensen's invention. Another major advancement in aseptic packaging was the development of a plant was commercialised in the market by Danisco in 1960. The process is carried out at 210 °C for sterilization. The most significant development of a commercially viable packaging system, following the development of UHT processing, is the development of aseptic packaging system, today the most widely used aseptic processing concept.

The production of a commercially sterile product requires a means of packing which will ensure the attainment of expected shelf-life. Such a requirement is met by aseptic packaging.



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1. Low water-vapour transmission rate.
2. Low gas transmission rates, especially to oxygen. This is important to preserve the colour, flavour and nutritional constituents in the products.
3. Good physical or mechanical strength, sufficient to resist any physical damage during manufacture, handling and distribution.
4. Good sealing characteristics to prevent entrance of external contaminants.
5. Capability to fit into automatic fabricating and filling equipment.
6. Resistance to withstand the temperatures encountered during filling of the product as well as during storage and distribution.
7. Chemically resistant to the product packed and ability to withstand sterilisation packing material with gas, liquid radiation.
8. Resistance to microbes, insects and other types of biological hazards.
9. Compatibility with the milk packed. The constituents and additives etc. of the package material should be inert with low migration levels in accordance with the appropriate codes of practice and standards of the country.
10. Economical in cost in comparison to the packaged product and readily available in the market.

### 19.2 PACKAGING MATERIALS USED IN ASEPTIC PACKAGING

1. 1<sup>st</sup> generation material: Paper board/plastic /foil/plastic laminates.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> generation: plastic containers.

#### 19.2.1 Properties sought in laminate for aseptic packaging

No.	Properties	Example of suitable material
1	Tear resistance	PVC, PVDC/PVC, PE, PP
2	Stiffness	Paper, PS
3	Puncture resistance	lonomer, PET
4	Printability	Paper, Al-foil, PS, PE, PET
5	Folding	Al-foil, paper
6	Heat resistance	LDPE/LDPE

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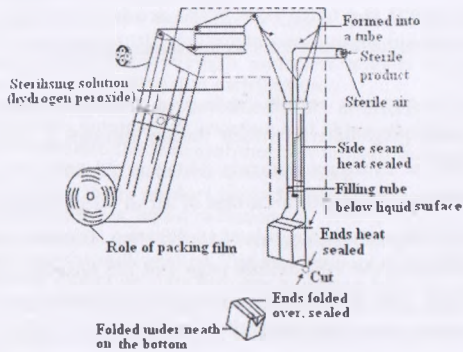
Between the polyethylene layers is a paper layer for printability and the aluminium foil layer serves as a barrier to oxygen.

The general principle of a common aseptic carton is formed from a roll of packaging material which is pre-sterilized containing a 35% solution of hydrogen peroxide. The material then passes through rollers and a cutter which cuts the solution and also serves to increase the rate of drying. A continuous tube sealed along the longitudinal edges is formed by a transverse seal. Milk from aseptic tanks is filled under aseptic conditions maintained by a heat exchanger. The transverse seal which also forms the base of the carton is cut by the transverse seal separates the cartons.

The complete carton forming, filling and sealing is done in a clean room, sterilized prior to use. This Aseptic packaging is pre-sterilized and supplied with a positive pressure sterilized air.

Figure 19.1 shows the principle of aseptically formed cartons. Pre-formed cartons may be used for UHT milk, which is pre-sterilized, for example with ethylene oxide gas. The cartons are filled with UHT milk, sterilized with a solution of  $H_2O_2$  and sterile air at around  $180^\circ C$ , just prior to filling.

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**Fig. 19.1 Aseptic Packaging of UHT Milk**

There are various packaging forms in which the UHT milk is packed.

**19.2.2 Tetra pack cartons:** Tetra Pak group of Sweden had launched various types of cartons and 'Tetra Hedron' cartons were the first type introduced in fifties, which required the development of heavy weight paper board/aluminium/polyethylene and have proved to be quite successful for UHT milk packaging. The Tetra Pak Company had gradually replaced these Tetra Hedron cartons with Tetra Brick cartons as the former posed problems of collating and stacking and short shelf life

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protection. PE extruded or wax coated paperboard tubs are used to pack single portion cream. Sterilized/ UHT cream is packed in similar lines to that of UHT milk.

### 20.3 BUTTER

It consists primarily of about 80% milk fat, 15% moisture and in table butter upto 3% common salt. Because of high moisture content butter is susceptible to mould growth and lypolytic rancidity

#### 20.3.1 Characteristics of Butter

1. Due to high moisture content butter unlike solid fats is susceptible to mold growth.
2. Flavour and odour are easily absorbed by butter from its environment.
3. Deterioration of the butter may take place due to rancidity.
4. Butter has tendency to lose Moisture.

#### 20.3.2 Requirement of Packaging

1. Non toxic, not harmful to consumer's health.
2. It should be grease/moisture proof.
3. Shall be barrier for Oxygen.
4. Low metallic content as metals favour oxidation of fat.
5. Shall not transmit light.

**20.3.3 Packaging Material Used:** In India, butter is packed in bulk as well as in retail packages. For bulk packaging there is no standard method, and generally polyethylene

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proof paper, aluminium foil, and paper board cartons for protection to the product are more commonly used.

Indian Standard 7161 - 1973 gives specifications for Grease Proof paper/ Aluminium foil laminate for parchment paper has good wet strength, generally aluminium foil above 0.009 mm thickness are used to avoid foreign odour, care must be exercised while choosing materials in the manufacture of the laminates.

There is also another IS: 8113-1976 standard for primary wrapper, 200 g and 250 g. butter slabs. Cartons for primary packaging in primary Wrapper, in the distribution system, refrigerator, cartons may be waxed with about 10 g wax is not mandatory. Paperboard can be extrusion coated with polypropylene and tubs of PP can also be used for packaging of the

High-impact polystyrene or HIPS is also used in a variety of other polymers, like PE, PP, PET, PVDC and

Large packs of 10, 20 and 50 kg butter are packed in either parchment paper lined corrugated boxes. For better efficient use of storage space and economy Fibre board

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Wet strength:  $0.8 \pm 0.2$  kg/cm<sup>2</sup>

Grease resistance: Should pass the turpentine oil test

Acidity: 0.02% as H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

pH of H<sub>2</sub>O extract: not less than 5.0

Brightness: 79.

### 20.4 GHEE

It is usually 100 per cent fat with little moisture (< 0.3 %), obtained by boiling butter at 110°C till all water is evaporated with a grainy texture and a characteristic flavour.

The product needs to be protected from chemical spoilage and rancidity caused by oxygen, light, heat, moisture and metal ions.

#### 20.4.1 Characteristics of Ghee:

1. Easy to absorb flavour from its environment
2. Easily prone for oxidation
3. Prone for adulteration.

#### 20.4.2 Packaging Material Should Have

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IS: 11352-1985 specifications for flexible packs  
vunaspati have been recommended for this purpose

For long – term storage, stainless steel containers  
is also marketed in lined cartons with flexible  
materials and in tetrapaks. In both these packs lo  
pouches of metallised polyester based films are als  
are filled on automatic FFS machines. However, if t  
with the product, sealing of the pouch becomes diffi

Recently it is packed in certain laminates and  
comprises of a pre-sealed bag made of polyethylene  
with a spout and cap housed in a CFB / Duplex b  
plies which is sealed together on all four sides and t  
sealed onto it. The bag is vacuum filled and inser  
layer Nylon containing self standing pouch with cl  
HDPE / LDPE is used for packing ghee.

Another form is consisting of a multi-ply collapsi  
housed in a rigid outer container. The container can  
capacity varies between 3 and 200 liters. The bags a

Nylon/ Styrene-based laminates, EVOH and PET/PE

**Lesson-21**

**Coagulated and Desiccated Indigenous Dairy Products and their Sweetmeats**

**21.1 INTRODUCTION**

Traditionally, Indian dairy products have been manufactured by individual sweet makers—"halwais" and small entrepreneurs. Very little attention is paid to sanitary handling and packaging of these products.

Traditionally, indigenous products have been packed in leaves, paper cartons or paper-board boxes. These materials do not provide sufficient protection to the product from atmospheric contamination and manual handling. Consequently, the sweets soon lose their typical body and texture, absorb foreign odours, lose their aroma characteristics and show mold growth. Moreover, the products are stored in open metal trays.

**21.2 PACKAGING OF COAGULATED INDIGENOUS AND FERMENTED DAIRY PRODUCTS**

Cultured milk products have various textures and viscosities, i.e. when liquid they are considered as beverages (Butter milk) and when semisolid they are spoonable

of unlacquered aluminium lids. A polystyrene tray is economical, practical and widely used. Yoghurt is packed in polystyrene foam tubs. Each tray holds 20 tubs. These tubs serve not only as display holders and light weight containers for the fermentation of yoghurt. This saves extra handling.

**21.2.2 Packaging of fermented milks (Buttermilk):** Traditionally, sachets, polystyrene cups, polypropylene cups and pouches are used. Recently buttermilk, lassi and sour cream are packed in HIPS for stored products must never be employed as they cause cracking of the material.

**21.2.2.1 Packaging of dahi/lassi:** The traditional packaging is a pot with a loose cover of glassine or greaseproof paper. This is heavy, easily breakable and because of oozing of whey inside develops shrinkage cracks. Recently, polypropylene/ HIPS cups have been introduced with plastic lids. These cups are available in capacities of 200ml with a shelf-life of about 10 days under refrigeration. They are easy to handle and are hygienic. Some private dairies use pouches of 200ml capacity.



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LDPE made by injection moulding are also in use. PP or PE bags, Glassine paper lined containers are also used.

**21.2.3 Packaging of cheese:** Packaging requirements for natural cheese: Any material to be used for packaging natural cheese must give general protection, prevent moisture loss, improve appearance, protect against micro organisms and prevent oxygen transmission.

Cheese is essentially a product with high fat and moisture content. Therefore, package used for cheese should prevent oxidation and mould growth. It should also have fat and grease resistance and be able to protect against micro organisms. Oxygen is eliminated by packing cheese in hermetically sealed containers in vacuum or inert gas atmosphere. Processed cheese is usually packed in aluminium foil in cubes with different shapes. Tinplate cans are used for 200 gms and above quantity. PVDC coated plastic films are suitable for cheese packaging as they provide good oxygen and moisture barrier properties.

Cream cheese is packed in foil lined card board boxes of heat stable plastic packs. Saran is used as wrapping material for Neufchatel cheese. Air evacuation and gas flushing is used for cottage cheese, green cheese is packed by waxing and paraffining or alternatively vacuum packed in polyethylene or chyvoc. Ripened cheese is packed in laminated cellophane film or pliofilm. Cheese consumer packs are generally consists of lacquered metal cans of laminated consisting of Nvlon / PVDC / Copolymer or

**21.2.4.1 Package forms:** Most bulk ice cream sulphate board carton, coated with wax or poly moisture and oxygen. Once the carton is opened board tends to warp. Although economic considerations paper board carton, improved packaging often price differential may be offset by higher throughput.

1. Aluminium foil cartons
2. Cylindrical containers
3. Plastic containers.

**21.2.5 Packaging of chhana:** Chhana requires microbial contamination, moisture loss, odour grease resistance. Therefore the package should be for heat sealing.

**21.2.5.1 Packaging materials used for packing**

- Vegetable parchment: chhana can keep well in refrigerated storage.
- Vegetable paper parchment treated with Nitro quality of chhana.
- Wax/plastic coated paper: 55-60 gsm / 0.02 mm
- Poster paper/Al-foil/LDPE - 150 gauge
- MST Cellulose (300)/LDPE - 150 gauge
- Poster paper/Al-foil (0.02 mm)/LDPE

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life. Paneer is also packed in EVA/EVA/PVDC/EVA film under vacuum which may have a shelf life of 3 months under refrigeration

**21.2.7 Rasogolla:** Tin cans with resistant lacquer + SO<sub>2</sub> (100 ppm maximum) are generally used which gives highest shelf life to the product. Earthen pots which may be lined with leaves are also used in some areas of the country. HIPS or PP cups are also used along with heat sealable caps. Retailers use HIPS / polypropylene cups with press on lids.

## 21.3 PACKAGING OF DESICCATED INDIGENOUS DAIRY PRODUCTS

**21.3.1 Packaging of khoa:** Under existing trade practice, producers and traders do not employ any packaging for khoa. By employing proper packaging the shelf life of khoa can be enhanced. Hot packaging of khoa in pre-sterilized cans can improve the shelf life up to 14 days at room temperature and 75 days under refrigerated temperatures. Three times increase in shelf life was claimed by packing khoa in rigid polypropylene containers with lid and khoa packed in pre-sterilized laminate pouches (paper, Polyethylene and aluminium foil). Vacuum packaging and packing in Cryovac Shrink wrap pouches will prevent growth of aerobic micro organisms. However, these two packaging methods do not offer protection against bacteria growing inside khoa. Bulk packaging of khoa is done in PP buckets.

**21.3.2 Packaging of peda:** Peda is generally packed in paper board containers lined

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**21.3.4 Packaging of burfi:** Burfi is packed in paper board containers lined with parchment paper in sizes of 500 gm, 1 kgs and 2 kgs

Materials used are:

- LDPE, MSAT, HDPE, MSAT+HDPE,
- Glassine
- PE lamination: Saran/Cellophane/Saran/P

The shelf life of burfi is about 10-15 days at room

**21.3.5 Packaging of Sandesh:** Traditional sandesh is packed in paper board pouches. The packaging material used is similar to that of paper board cartons. 0.79, 0.08, 0.008 cm with Parchment paper, Nylon-6 and Tin cans 0.041 cm are used.

Tin cans, Nylon-6 and recent material CXA 148/PS/ HDPE/ Nylon-6, Tin. Earthen Pots are also used.

Leaves of Banana, etc. heat pressed to give shape to the product for our country.

**21.3.6 Packaging of Kulfi:** Traditional Kulfi is packed in paper board containers lined with parchment paper which are partially thawed by dipping in fresh cream before serving. Kulfi is frozen as a cylindrical block, which

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3. **O<sub>2</sub> Sensitivity:** Preheating releases the -SH groups which protect against oxidization. However still there are chances of oxidation. Therefore for Fat containing products prevent the gas diffusion by employing either Vacuum or N<sub>2</sub> flushing.
4. **Light sensitivity:** Powder exposed to light for long period bleaches the surface and thereafter it accelerate Fat oxidization.
5. **Heat sensitivity:** Affect Flavour and Solubility. Ideal storage conditions are 18-19°C temperature and dry atmosphere.
6. **Bulk Density** is very important because Packaging size is affected. The Free flowing properties improves with increased Bulk Density.
7. **Odour pick up:** Product containing Fat is prone to pick up odour. High Fat powders pick up odour from packaging materials, surrounding atmosphere, stores, water and houses. The off flavour problem is encountered from kraft paper, PE film, CFB, fiber board cases and even from rubber sealing compositions.

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8. **Static electricity:** The problem is difficult to resolve. The plastic packaging materials are also important where antistatic agents are added e.g. Glycol alkyl esters (prevent electrical charge accumulated on the film surface).
9. **Bacterial aspects:** Powders of normal moisture and RH do not give rise to bacterial problem.

## 22.4 REQUIREMENTS OF PACKAGE FOR DRIED MILKS

1. **Adequate mechanical strength** to withstand damage during packaging, handling, transportation and storage is necessary.
2. **Resistance to climatic hazards:** The material should be resistant to damage by exposure to high / low temperature and humid atmosphere. This is more important in tropical countries.
3. **Convenient closure:** Sealing is of supreme importance. Simple, effective re-closure is also desirable.
4. Bulk packages should be **light in weight, easy to handle and stack** during transport and storage. Empty packages should occupy minimum storage space before use.
5. **Very low Water vapour and gas permeability:** Dried milk absorbs moisture very easily. Powder with > 5 % moisture gets deteriorated during storage. The stale and gluey flavours result from Maillard reaction. It results in losses of solubility, colour change; lumping and free flowing properties are affected. For long storage, vacuum and N<sub>2</sub> flushing is essential especially in hot climate. An impervious container is needed which should also be odour-proof.
6. **Impermeability to light:** To avoid surface bleaching and fat oxidation.
7. **Inertness, durable, safe, utilizing minimum space, identification of product and directions for use, easy availability at reasonable cost** are the other requirements.

#### 11.4.2 Flexibles for powder:

1. Cartons lined with Al-foil-PE:

a. Bag-in-box: Coated Al-PE bag or pl

b. Modified Atmosphere Packaging -  
is reduced to 3.0%.

2. Long storage: Lacquer/print/print pre-lac  
paper (40 gsm)/PE (30 gsm).

3. Shorter Keeping quality: Al-foil may be om  
gum and coated with PVDC (30 gsm).

4. Bulk Packaging: Sacks made of craft pap  
Al, Cellophane, bitumen, wax or paraffin.

Most common types:

- WMP: Laminates of paper, PE, Foil, Metal
- SMP: HDPE or LDPE or Laminates of HD,  
PE coating or wrinkling- Bag-in-box paper  
Metallized/PE

5. Powder packaging materials:

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- Form – Fill – Seal: 17  $\mu$  PET / 9  $\mu$  PE – 9  $\mu$  foil – 70  $\mu$  PE
  - Metallized film is also used. Lined cardboard – Adhesive / Coating of PVDC or RHC – Metallized PET / Al-foil / PE.
  - Metal/Plastic laminate – Retain O<sub>2</sub> content of 0.5 % even after 13 numbers.  
Bulk: Heavy gauge PE used mainly for sea voyage (passing through tropics).
3. PE is used to much lesser extent as a separate bag within or as a liner for (a) Card board cartons, (b) Calico bags, (c) Jute bags with paper, (d) Liner between jute and PE.
4. Alternative material to PE:
- Multi walled paper sack may incorporate one layer of waxed paper which is more satisfactory than paper alone but is inadequate for long storage.
  - Multi wall sack may include a layer of bituminized paper, often the outer layer with 4-5 inner kraft layers. This is a good packaging material used even for export but is slightly inferior to PE.
5. Perfect closure is required:
- Metal is completely impervious but closure is a weak point.
  - Sack is sealed by sewing threads which makes holes and therefore it is covered by H<sub>2</sub>O proof tape.
  - Gas packaging by mixture of N<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub> + Palladium as a catalyst and if kept impervious can have up to 10 years of storage life.

## 22.5 WHOLE MILK POWDER AND BABY FOOD

Generally packed in lacquered tin under N<sub>2</sub> and vacuum. 100% O<sub>2</sub> – 10.

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## 22.7 MALTED MILK FOOD

The malted food beverage industry is popular. Historically, malted beverage has a strong presence in the beverages market is divided into white and brown. White contribute about 65% of the market.

Malted milk foods are highly sensitive to moisture. In the presence of light, heat and oxygen, the prevention of moisture and oxygen ingress are important in protecting the product, and in selection of

Malted milk foods are packed in quantities of 100g to 1kg packages. The types of packages used are glass containers, which are now slowly being replaced by laminated pouches. Though glass containers have the advantage of a long shelf-life, it has the disadvantage of being expensive. Tinplate containers though provide good protection to rust at body welding or at top and bottom. They are expensive.

The plastic containers used are blow moulded or injection moulded PET containers / jars, for brown

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2. 500 grams

a. 12 $\mu$  PET/20 $\mu$  metallised BOPP/50 $\mu$  LDPE

b. 12 $\mu$  PET/12 $\mu$  metallised PET/50 $\mu$  LDPE

3. 1000 grams

a. 12 $\mu$  PET/12 $\mu$  metallised PET/65 $\mu$  LDPE

### 22.8 PRECAUTIONS BEFORE PACKAGING

Protection against moisture pick up: The low moisture products must be packaged as soon as possible after removal from the dehydrator. Each product has its individual need with regard to moisture uptake.

**22.8.1 In-package desiccation:** In-package desiccation has been used successfully for many dried products, particularly powders. The desiccant compound is placed in the container inside a small envelop made out of a moisture permeable material which does not allow the contamination of the product with desiccant, Calcium oxide or silica gel are usually used for this purpose. When in package desiccant is used, the dried product can be stored at higher moisture content without caking than in the absence of a desiccant. However, this is not used for milk powders.

**22.8.2 Anticaking agents:** Anticaking agents are mixed with the low moisture

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As less space remains in the head space. The temperature around 16°C. the tins and lids should be sterilized by UV radiation before use.

Aluminium cans filled with condensed milk with sanitary conditions should be observed during

Evaporated milk is packed in cans before s

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## Lesson-23

### Vacuum and Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP)

#### 23.1 INTRODUCTION

Modified Atmosphere packaging (MAP) is a technique that is being used to extend the shelf life of fresh foods such as meat, fish and cut fruit, as well as of various bakery products, snack foods and other dried foods. In this method of packaging air in a package is replaced with a gas composition that will retard microbial growth and slow down chemical deterioration of the food.

Modified atmosphere packaging (MAP) is defined as 'the packaging of a perishable product in an atmosphere which has been modified so that its composition is other than that of air.

MAP is the alteration of the gaseous environment produced as a result of respiration (passive MAP) or by the addition and removal of gases from food packages (active MAP) to manipulate the levels of  $O_2$  and  $CO_2$ .

#### 23.2 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

The three main gases used in MAP are  $O_2$ ,  $CO_2$  and  $N_2$ . The composition of the gas mixture is dependent upon the food product being packaged.  $O_2$  and  $CO_2$  are commonly used to balance the properties of the food. Experimental use of  $SO_2$  has also been reported. The exact composition is entirely on the type of food being packaged.

Modified atmosphere packaging is generally used to extend the shelf life of fresh, perishable food products. It can reduce respiration, delay ripening, delay softening, slow down compositional changes, and result in extension of shelf life. It is recommended for fruits and vegetables for long storage.

Gaseous atmosphere is modified by

1. Direct injection of gases (often  $CO_2$  and  $N_2$ )
2. Evacuating air from the package and replacing with a gas mixture

Modified atmosphere packages have an atmosphere that can change over time. It is affected by the transmission rates of the gases and the temperatures. Higher temperatures lead to higher levels in the package atmosphere and lower levels in the surrounding atmosphere.

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- Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
- Polyvinylidene chloride (PVDC)

Selection of these plastic packaging materials are based on the following attributes

1. Food contact approval
2. Gas and vapour barrier properties
3. Optical properties
4. Antifogging properties
5. Mechanical properties
6. Heat sealing properties

### 23.2.1 Advantages of MAP

1. Fresh appearance
2. Potential shelf life increase by 50-400%
3. Product can be distributed to long distances
4. High quality product
5. User friendly

### 23.2.2 Disadvantages of MAP

1. Added cost
2. Temperature control is necessary during storage.
3. Special equipment is required

### 23.3 DAIRY PRODUCTS PACKED BY MAP

MAP has the potential to increase the shelf life of a number of dairy products like fat-filled milk powders, fat spreads and cheese

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of spoilage organisms including *Pseudomonas* showed significant extension of the shelf life containing CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub> in the proportion of 40:60 cheese significantly.

### 23.4 VACUUM PACKAGING

An alternative to controlling or modifying the atmosphere is vacuum packaging. In this process all of the gas in the package is removed. This process prevents the chemical changes such as development of off-flavours that are taken to prevent the growth of the pathogens under anaerobic conditions. A specific pasteurization process, *psychrotrophic botulinum* process, is applied to reduce the numbers to commercially acceptable levels. In vacuum storage, greatly extended shelf-lives have been achieved. *vide* cooking, which originated in France as a method for meals for restaurant use with up to 42 days shelf life. The thermal process has evolved since the original process was 121°C for 40min, and the target process is now 135°C for 15min. The use of vacuum packaging materials is a key requirement to a

Table 23.1 Shelf life of vacuum packaged food

## Lesson-24

### Eco Friendly Packaging

#### 24.1 INTRODUCTION

Packaging is an essential component in the complex distribution system. The main aim of packaging is to safeguard the food material from microbial attack and other contaminants and prevent damage during the distribution. There is huge demand for the packaging material, which will be causing huge environmental concerns as they are majorly plastics which will degrade very slowly. In order to overcome this problem "**Biodegradable Packaging**" has emerged.

#### 24.2 DEFINITION OF BIO-PACKAGING MATERIALS

*"Biobased food packaging materials are materials derived from renewable sources. These materials can be used for food applications".* The renewable sources are from plants, marine life and animals.

#### 24.3 DEGRADABLE PLASTIC

Plastic designed to undergo significant change in its chemical structure under specific environmental conditions. resulting in loss of some ~~monomer that can be~~

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known compostable materials and leaves residues.

## **24.6 POLYMERS DIRECTLY EXTRACTED**

These are the material, which find their animals and plants. They are having ve materials are hydrophilic, by nature and ar problems to certain extent, mainly in the Pa

**24.6.1 Polysaccharides:** The polysacchar point of view are cellulose, starch, gu polysaccharides produced by fungi and bact hyaluronic acid are of greater interest in the

**24.6.2 Starch and its Derivatives:** The Potatoes. The starch is a very competitive n As a packaging material, starch alone does properties unless it is first treated by e materials, genetic or chemical modification o

**24.6.3 Cellulose and its derivatives:** Ce polymer on the earth. Because of its regular

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### 24.7.2 Nitrocellulose, wax or PVC or PVDC (Poly Vinylidene chloride)

Cellulose acetate (C.A), is the most commonly used Packaging material in food industry.

#### 24.7.2.1 Uses of packaging material in foods

- Baked Goods.
- Processed Meat.
- Cheese and its products.
- Candies.

**24.7.3 Chitin:** Chitin is chemically composed of repeating units of 1,4-linked deoxy-2-acetoamido-D-glucose, and chitosan refers to a family of partially N-acetylated 2-deoxy-2-amino-.glucan polymers derived from chitin. It is the second most abundant polysaccharide material available after cellulose.

**24.7.4 Chitosan:** Chitosan also readily forms films and, in general, produces materials with very high gas barrier properties. It is widely used for the production of edible coating. The cationic properties of chitosan offer good opportunities to take advantage of electron interactions with numerous compounds during processing and incorporating specific properties into the material. The advantages of this material include antimicrobial property and their ability to absorb the heavy metals. The application of laminates made of chitosan, cellulose, and polycaprolactone in Modified



The major drawback of these protein polymer

### 11.1.6 Animal Origin:

**11.1.6.1 Casein:** Casein is a milk-derived protein with a random coil structure. Upon processing with heat (80–100°C), materials can be made with mechanical properties ranging from flexible and tough performance. Casein is not suitable for film blowing. In general, casein-based materials do not dissolve directly in water. Casein materials are relatively high price. Casein was used as a thermoplastic in the 1940s and 50s.

**11.1.6.2 Whey:** Whey proteins are by-products of cheese production. They have a relatively high nutritional value, are available in large quantities, and have been extensively investigated as edible coatings. Whey proteins are processable and have some potential as extensibility modifiers. Modification strategies can be developed to reduce water sorption.

**11.1.6.3 Collagen:** Collagen is a fibrous protein found in animal skin, bones and tendons. Collagen has a complex helical and fibrous structure, which makes it difficult to process. Collagen is the basic raw material for

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### 24.7.7 Plant Origin:

**24.7.7.1 Gluten:** Gluten is the main storage protein in wheat and corn. Gluten plastics exhibit high gloss (polypropylene like) and show good resistance to water under certain conditions. They do not dissolve in water, but they do absorb water during immersion. Due to its abundance and low price, research on the use of gluten in edible films, adhesives, or for thermoplastic applications is currently being carried out.

**24.7.7.2 Soy Protein:** Soy proteins are commercially available as soy flour, soy concentrate and soy isolate, all differing in protein content. Soy protein consists of two major protein fractions referred to as the 7S (conglycinin, 35%) and 11S (glycinin, 52%) fraction. Both 7S and 11S contain cysteine residues leading to disulphide bridge formation and processing is, therefore, similar to gluten with similar mechanical properties. The best results are obtained with soy isolate (approx.90% protein). This behaviour in water is similar to that of gluten plastics. The most successful applications of soy proteins are paper coatings.

**24.7.7.3 Potato:** Potato starch produces a more translucent plastic. The potato starch plastic display significantly greater water absorption than those made from other sources.

**24.7.7.4 Zein:** Zein comprises a group of alcohol soluble proteins (prolamines) found

materials. However, a wide range of other biodegradable materials derived from the conventional packaging materials derived from renewable monomers gained

**24.8.1 Polylactic Acid (PLA):** Lactic acid, which can be easily produced by fermentation of carbohydrate feedstock may be agricultural products such as corn, wheat, etc. or waste products from agriculture such as whey, green juice, etc.

PLA is a polyester with a high potential for packaging. The properties of PLA material are highly related to the ratio between D- and L-lactic acid monomer. Using 100% L-PLA results in a high glass transition point and high crystallinity. If a mixture of D- and L-lactic acid monomer, an amorphous polymer is obtained with a glass transition point which will be too low for some packaging purposes. However, PLA material which can be polymerized in the melt is highly processable showing very high potential for packaging. Furthermore, PLA may be plasticized by the addition of oligomeric lactic acid and the presence of plasticizers.

## **24.9 POLYMERS PRODUCED DIRECTLY**

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have a much lower melting point and  $T_g$  than their PHBS. The major application of medium chain length PHAS are biodegradable cheese coatings and biodegradable rubbers.

### 24.9.1 PHAS from bacteria:

The major packaging compounds of the bacteria are "Bacterial Cellulose". Strains of *Acetobacter xylinum*, *Acetobacter pasteurianus* are capable of producing cellulose (*homo  $\alpha$  1-4 glucane*). The cellulose thus produced from bacteria is processed at ambient conditions where the degree of *polymerization* is 15000, crystalline in nature. This technique is not that successful on the economic terms as its production cost is very high.

## 24.10 BIO PACKAGING OF FOODS

Most commonly used food packages clearly fall into primary, secondary or tertiary packaging categories. For a variety of food products, however, conventional packaging does not provide optimal conditions for product storage and a number of approaches are used to design packages for specific products. Such product-specific packaging includes applying of edible films and coatings, active packaging, modified atmosphere packaging (MAP), and using combinations of packaging materials. Of these packaging techniques specified above bio films or *edible films* are of importance.

films and coatings may provide barriers toward (O<sub>2</sub>), aromas, lipids, etc., carry food ingredients (flavour components). Edible films and coating components in multi-component foods thereby

They may be used to reduce the amount of product in a product or allow conversion from a multi-component material to a single component material. Edible films and coatings improve product quality by preventing moisture and aroma loss. They are used in primary packaging.

Modified packaging materials must meet the requirements of packaging materials associated with foods. These include: barrier properties, light, aroma, optical properties, strength, flexibility, marking and printing properties, migration resistance, disposal requirements, antistatic properties, and cheap.

Modified packaging materials must also control the interactions between the food and packaging materials to ensure product quality or safety.

#### 11.11 APPLICATION OF BIODEGRADABLE

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#### 24.12 RECENT TECHNOLOGIES FOR PRODUCING BIODEGRADABLE PLASTICS

Bio - degradable plastics are being produced from plants by Fermentation, Recombinant DNA engineering etc.



## 25.1 INTRODUCTION

Active packaging refers to the incorporation within packaging containers with the aim of life (Day, 1989). Packaging may be termed as food preservation other than providing an in (1995; Hotchkiss, 1994).

Active packaging includes additives or functions scavenging oxygen; adsorbing carbon flavour/odour taints; releasing ethanol, preservatives; and/or maintaining temperature.

Packaging material itself plays an active role holding the growth of spoilage microorganisms. "smart", "functional", and "freshness preserving" substances can be incorporated into the packaging functionality and give it an extra function.

## 25.2 ACTIVE PACKAGING SYSTEMS

There are many varieties of active packaging techniques that are being followed. A list of techniques followed is being enlisted in the table 25.1 and are discussed in this chapter.

**Table 25.1 Selected examples of active packaging systems**

<b>Active packaging system</b>	<b>Mechanisms</b>	<b>Food applications</b>
Oxygen Scavengers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Iron based</li> <li>2. Metal/acid</li> <li>3. Metal (e.g. platinum) catalyst</li> <li>4. Ascorbate/Metallic salts</li> <li>5. Enzyme based</li> </ol>	Bread, Cakes, Cooked rice, Biscuits, Pizza, Pasta, Cheese, Coffee, Snack foods, Dried foods and Beverages
Carbon Dioxide Scavengers/Emitters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Iron oxide/calcium hydroxide</li> <li>2. Ferrous carbonate/metal halide</li> <li>3. Calcium oxide/activated charcoal</li> <li>4. Ascorbate/sodium bicarbonate</li> </ol>	Coffee, Nuts and other Snack food products and Sponge cakes
Ethylene Scavengers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potassium permanganate</li> </ol>	Fruit, Vegetables and Other horticultural



	2. Encapsulated ethan
Moisture Absorbers	1. PVA blanket 2. Activated clays and 3. Silica gel
Flavour/Odour Adsorbers	1. Cellulose triacetate 2. Acetylated paper 3. Citric acid 4. Ferrous salt/ascorbic 5. Activated carbon/ c
Temperature Control	1. Non-woven plastics
Packaging	2. Double walled cont 3. Hydrofluorocarbon 4. LIME/water 5. Ammonium nitrate

**25.2.1 Oxygen scavengers:** Oxygen scavengers developed by the Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Co. Ltd are the most commercially important oxygen scavengers. These are the most well known oxygen scavengers.

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### 3. Light activated oxygen scavenger plastic packaging materials for Beverage industry

**25.2.2 Carbon dioxide scavengers/emitters:** There are many commercial sachet and label devices which can be used to scavenge or to emit carbon dioxide.

The use of carbon dioxide scavengers is particularly used in packing fresh roasted or ground coffees that produce significant volumes of carbon dioxide. A mixture of calcium oxide and activated charcoal has been used in polyethylene coffee pouches to scavenge carbon dioxide. Dual-action oxygen and carbon dioxide scavenger sachets and labels are more common and are commercially used for canned and foil pouched coffees in Japan and USA.

Carbon dioxide emitting sachet and label devices can either be used alone or combined with an oxygen scavenger.

Dual action oxygen scavenger/carbon dioxide emitter sachets and labels are also developed, which absorb oxygen and generate an equal volume of carbon dioxide.

The main food applications for these dual-action oxygen scavenger/carbon dioxide emitter sachets and labels have been with snack food products, e.g. nuts and sponge cakes.

**25.2.3 Ethylene scavengers:** Ethylene ( $C_2H_4$ ) is a plant growth regulator which

**25.2.4 Ethanol emitters:** Ethanol is an anti against mould but can also inhibit the growth sprayed directly onto food products just prio method of generating ethanol is through the use All of these films and sachets contain absorbe material which allows the controlled release of e

**25.2.5 Preservative releasers:** There is a antioxidant packaging films which have preser life of a wide range of food products. Some materials have been introduced, primarily in J synthetic silver zeolite which is in contact w antimicrobial silver ions into the surface of food

The anti microbial agents generally used on pac e.g. propionate, benzoate and sorbate, bacterio e.g. from rosemary, cloves, horse radish, musta peroxidase, lysozyme and glucose oxidase, c acids, e.g. sulphur dioxide and chlorine dioxi and benomyl. The major potential food appli bread, cheese, fruits and vegetables.

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Moisture drip absorber pads are commonly placed under packaged fresh meats, fish and poultry to absorb unsightly tissue drip exudate. Larger sheets and blankets are used for absorption of melted ice from chilled seafood during air freight transportation, or for controlling transpiration of horticultural produce.

Microporous sachets of desiccant inorganic salts such as sodium chloride have been used for the distribution of tomatoes in USA. Another example is an innovative fibreboard box which functions as a humidity buffer on its own without relying on a desiccant insert which is used for fruits or vegetables

**25.2.7 Flavour/odour adsorbers:** The interaction of packaging with food flavours and aromas has long been recognised. Commercially, very few active packaging techniques have been used to selectively remove undesirable flavours and taints, but many potential opportunities exist.

Debittering of pasteurised orange juices by using cellulose triacetate or acetylated paper into orange juice packaging material. is one of the example for such methods.

BMH™ powder can be incorporated into packaging Removal of aldehydes such as hexanal and heptanal from package headspaces has its applications in foods such as snack foods, cereals, dairy products, poultry and fish.

Another packaging material which is paper-based, which absorbs odorous aldehydes

**25.2.9 Quality indicators:** Time / temperature indicators are used in a small package which monitors the product temperature throughout the supply chain. They will indicate how long the product has been exposed to a certain temperature. They provide a non reversible and accurate and easy to interpret.

Uses: 1. Time / temperature indicators are used to monitor the temperature ranges and may be used to monitor the quality of products.

2. To monitor the temperature exposure of products during transportation and storage.

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## Lesson-26

### Different Methods of Package Sterilization, Importance of such methods and Principles

#### 26.1 INTRODUCTION

Sterilization of packaging material is a very important operation to free the surface from microorganisms before filling the product.

#### 26.2 CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD STERILANT /STERILIZING AGENT

1. Rapid sporicidal activity
2. Ease of application and compatibility with packaging machinery.
3. Compatibility with packaging material
4. Ease of removal of residues
5. No detrimental effects of residues on the package/ product
6. Should be economical
7. Easy to Handle.

#### 26.3 METHODS OF PACKAGE STERILIZATION

Many methods are presently in use. They are briefly discussed here in this chapter.

**26.3.1 Dry Heat:** The packaging material is heated in a hot air oven for a specified minimum temperature for a stated time. Various combinations of temperature and time are recommended depending on the type of the material being sterilized; for example, the usual recommended minimum holding times and temperatures are 180

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packaging material is not metal and it is used in roll form containers. The rolls are continuously fed into the machine which forms, fills, and seals the package. Sterilization is accomplished with hydrogen peroxide and heat.

A second system is similar to the one just described, but the heat is applied to the package surface rather than the product. Sterilization is accomplished for sterilization by means of a heated stainless steel drum applied to the product contact surface. The product is fed into a drum. Contact with the drum heats the peroxide.

A third system also uses packaging material in roll form continuously fed into the machine which forms, fills, and seals the package. Sterilization is accomplished with a combination of hydrogen peroxide and heat. The packaging material travels through a bath of hydrogen peroxide for forming. Cups are then formed and sealed. The cups then travel through a hydrogen peroxide bath.

A fourth system utilizes preformed cups to form the package. The cups are fed into the machine where they are filled with peroxide followed by heating. The lid material is then fed into a bath of hydrogen peroxide.

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oxide. The method can be carried out at low temperatures and damages relatively few materials. It is however difficult to control and use of ethylene oxide. Compared to other methods of sterilization, the bactericidal efficiency of ethylene oxide is low.

### 26.3.6 Sterilization by chemicals:

**26.3.6.1 Per-acetic acid:** Per-acetic acid is a liquid sterilant which is effective against spores of aerobic and anaerobic bacteria and is effective at low temperatures than hydrogen Peroxide. But it is toxic. Hence this is used in pre-sterilization of packaging materials.

**26.3.6.2 Ethyl alcohol:** At 80% concentration, ethyl alcohol is effective in sterilization of packaging materials. However, it is ineffective against spores. Hence it is not generally used.

**26.3.7 Sterilization by irradiation:** Sterilization may be effected by exposure to high energy electrons from a particle accelerator or to gamma radiation from sources such as cobalt<sup>60</sup> or caesium<sup>137</sup> employing energies below 10 Mev. In irradiation sterilization, radiations of energies well below 10 Mev are usually employed and hence no radioactivity is induced in the material so sterilized.

### Advantages:

- Irradiation sterilization is a single process.
- Irradiation sterilization is a clean process – No residual chemicals

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UV rays are produced by mercury discharge. Transmission of UV rays with minimum is expensive. UV radiation is harmful to man. UV rays must be avoided.

### 26.3.7.2 Irradiation with gamma rays:

Gamma rays are a form of ionizing radiation sterilization and is an industry standard for high-energy sterilization. Gamma irradiation gives good sterilization results. Gamma irradiation is done from a <sup>60</sup>Co source. Because of the excellent penetration, a wide range of packaging materials may be gamma irradiated. Multiple resins. Pre-packaged articles may be gamma irradiated. Materials such as cellophane, polyethylene, etc. are irradiated. Gamma rays have five times the penetration of X-rays. Gamma radiation sterilization uses a <sup>60</sup>Co source with a dosage of generally 2.5 megarads. Gamma irradiation is used, and maximum temperatures usually a

### 26.3.7.3 Electron beam (E-beam):

Electron beam (E-beam) uses high-energy electrons. Sterilization is quick. Little is known about the e-beam sterilization effects. The stability of thermoplastics compared with gamma irradiation for the sterilization of medical devices is a concern. Doses for packaging where the container



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### Different Methods of Coding and Standards of Labeling of food packages

#### 27.1 INTRODUCTION

Most of the packaging related regulatory initiatives are concerned to the Product quality, Public Health and Hygiene, Safety, Export Promotion, Transportation and Consumer protection.

The international markets are governed by various packaging rules and regulations that make it mandatory for an exporting country to abide by them. Therefore, packaging for exports should comply with global norms to match with international standards. Government of India has instituted various laws and regulations. All these legislations are classified into two types i.e. Compulsory and Voluntary Standards.

To ensure product quality and provide safety to the consumer, it is important to regulate manufacturing, distribution, marketing and retailing of packaged products. This can be achieved by mandating rules and regulations. Food laws in India have been enforced in the country since, 1899. The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006

shall be packed for sale, distribution or delivery as specified in that schedule.

Declaration to be made on every package:

1. The name and address of the manufacturer
2. The common generic names of the commodity
3. The net quantity in terms of standard unit of commodity
4. The month and year in which the commodity is packed
5. The retail sale price of the package
6. Such other matter as are specified in the schedule

Maximum permissible errors on net quantity declared:

(1) The maximum permissible error, in excess or deficiency of weight or volume of any commodity shall be as follows:

S. No	Declared quantity	Maximum permissible error or deficiency
		As percentage of declared quantity
1	Upto 50	9
2	50 to 100	-
3	100 to 200	4.5

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	900 gms, 1 kg, 2kg, 5kg and 10 kg.
Uncanned packages of butter and margarine	25 gms, 50 gms, 100 gms, 200gms, 500gms, 1kg, 2kg, 5kg and thereafter in multiples of 5 kg
Ghee & butteroil	50 gms, 100 gms, 200gms, 500gms , 1 kg, 2kg, 3 kg, 5 kg.
Milk powder	Below 50 gms no restriction, 50 gms, 100gms, 200gms,500gms, 1 kg and thereafter in multiples of 500 gm.

**27.3 Package of Food to Carry a Label:** Every package of food shall carry a label and unless otherwise provided in these rules, there shall be specified on every label:

- (a) The name, trade name or description of food contained in the package;
- (b) The names of ingredients used in the product in descending order of their composition by weight or volume as the case may be;

Provided that in the case of artificial flavouring substances, the label may not declare the chemical names of the flavours, but in the case of natural flavouring substances or nature-identical flavouring substances, the common name of flavours shall be mentioned on the label. Provided also that whenever Gelatine is used as an ingredient, a declaration to this effect shall be made on the label by inserting the word "Gelatine-Animal Origin."

Provided also that when any article of food containing or including birds, fresh water or marine animals or but not including milk or milk products, as ingredients

- (a) A declaration to this effect shall be made and stipulated for this purpose to indicate that the symbol shall consist of a brown color square less than the minimum size specified in clause (16) of sub-rule (ZZZ) of the regulations, with brown outline having side dimension indicated in clause (16) of sub-rule (ZZZ) of the regulations.

**Table 27.1 Area and Diameter of Non-vegetarian symbol**

S. No.	Area of principal display panel
1	Upto 100 cms square
2	Above 100 cms square upto 500 cms square
3	Above 500 cms square upto 2500 cms square
4	Above 2500 cms square

- (b) The symbol shall be prominently displayed
1. On the package having contrast background
  2. Just close in proximity to the name or brand

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(a) A declaration to this effect shall be made by a symbol and colour code so stipulated for this purpose to indicate that the product is Vegetarian Food. The symbol shall consist of a green colour filled circle, having a diameter not less than the minimum size specified in the Table given below, inside the square with green outline having size double the diameter of the circle, as indicated in clause (17) of sub-rule (ZZZ) of rule 42;

**Table 27.2 Area and Diameter of Vegetarian symbol to be printed on package**

S. No.	Area of principal display panel	Minimum size of diameter in mm
1	Upto 100 cms square	3
2	Above 100 cms square upto 500 cms square	4
3	Above 500 cms square upto 2500 cms square	6
4	Above 2500 cms square	8

(b) The symbol shall be prominently displayed,

1. On the package having contrast background on principal display panel,
2. Just close in proximity to the name or brand name of the product, and
3. On the labels, containers, pamphlets, leaflets, advertisements in any media;

Provided further that the provisions of these rules shall not apply in respect of any Vegetarian Food which is manufactured and packed without the symbol before the commencement of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (9th Amendment) Rules, 2001.

(I) CONTAINS PERMITTED NATURAL CO

OR

(II) CONTAINS PERMITTED SYNTHET  
FLAV

OR

(III) CONTAINS PERMITTED NATURAL AN  
ADDED F

OR

(IV) CONTAINS PERMITTED NATURAL\*/AN  
FLAVOURS (For the period up to a

**NOTE:** A specific name shall be used for

Provided that for ingredients falling in the fal

class titles may be used, namely in dairy ind

**Table 27.3 Declaration of Additives like fat**

Name of the Classes
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Animal fat/oil, other than milk fat
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Agent, Humectants, Preservative, Propellant, Raising Agent, Stabilizer, Sweetener, Thickener.

Provided also that for declaration of flavours on the label the class of flavours namely, Natural Flavours and Natural Flavouring Substances or Natural-Identical Flavouring Substances or Artificial Flavouring Substances as the case may be, shall be declared on the label.

**(c)**

- (i) The name and complete address of the manufacturer and the manufacturing unit, if these are located at different places and in case the manufacturer is not the packer or bottler, the name and complete address of the packing or bottling unit as the case may be;
- (ii) Where an article of food is manufactured or packed or bottled by a person or a company under the written authority of some other manufacturer or company, under this or its brand name, the label shall carry the name and complete address of the manufacturing or packing or bottling unit as the case may be, and also the name and complete address of the manufacturer or the company, for and on whose behalf it is manufactured or packed or bottled;

**Note:** In declaring the net quantity of the commodity, the weight of the wrappers and materials other than confectionery shall be included.

Provided that where a package contains a large quantity of confectionery, each of which is separately wrapped and the weight of the wrappers is not more than 10 per cent of the net weight of the commodity, the weight of the wrappers of all the items of the confectionery contained in the package, declared on the package, containing such confectionery shall include the weight of such immediate wrapper if, and only if, the weight of such immediate wrapper does not exceed:

(i) 8 per cent where such immediate wrapper is made of paper with wax or aluminium foil under strip; or

(ii) 6 per cent in the case of any other paper, of the weight of confectionery contained in the package, less the weight of the wrapper.

(e) A distinctive batch number or lot number or code number or alphabets or in combination, representing the batch or code number being preceded by the words Batch, Lot or any distinguishing prefix.



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package in such a manner that the same is readable even without opening the package.

Provided further that in case of carbonated water containers and the packages of biscuits, confectionery and sweets, containing more than 60g, but not more than 120g, and food packages weighing not more than 60g. Particulars under clauses (d) and (e) need not be specified.

Provided also that in case of packages containing bread and milk including sterilised milk, particulars under clause (e) need not be specified.

"Provided also that in case of any package containing bread or liquid milk, sterilized or Ultra High Temperature treated milk, Soya milk, flavoured milk, any package containing dhokla, bhelpuri, pizza, doughnuts, khoa, paneer or any uncanned package of fruits, vegetables, meat, fish or any other like commodity which has a short shelf life, the date, month and year in which the commodity is manufactured or prepared or prepacked shall be mentioned, on the label:

Provided that in case of wholesale packages the particulars under clauses (b), (f), (g), and this clause need not be specified.

Provided further that in case of package or bottle containing sterilised or Ultra High Temperature treated milk, soya milk, flavoured milk, any package containing bread,

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"BEST BEFORE UPTO.... DATE/MONTH/YEAR

OR

"BEST BEFORE WITHIN .....DAYS FROM T

PACKAGING/MANUFACTURE"

**Note:** (i) Blank be filled up

(ii) Month and Year may be used in numerals.

(iii) Year may be given in two digits.

Provided also that in case of a package containing the particulars under clause (i) may not be specified.

Provided also that the above declaration of "Best Before" is not applicable to the Packages of Aspartame and Inulin.

"Provided also that in case of any bottle containing having milk as an ingredient, soft drink, carbonated beverages, the declarations with regard to addition of preservatives as the "dated of manufacture" and "best before" shall be on the body of the bottle.

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Provided that in case of wholesale packages the particulars under clauses (b), (f), (g), and this clause need not be specified.

Provided further that in case of package or bottle containing sterilised or Ultra High Temperature treated milk, soya milk, flavoured milk, ...

Aspartame Declaration

BEST BEFORE UPTO.... DATE/MONTH/YE

OR

BEST BEFORE WITHIN .....DAYS FROM  
PACKAGING/MANUFACTURE"

Note: (i) Blank be filled up

(ii) Month and Year may be used in numeral

(iii) Year may be given in two digits.

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body of the bottle.

Table 27.4 Schedule

S.No.	Year of manufacture	Date of enforcement of the declarations referred to in the first proviso by replacing old bottles with new bottles
1	2002 and beyond but before the commencement of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (8th Amendment) Rules 2002	1.4.2008
2	2001	1.4.2007
3	2000	1.4.2006
4	1999	1.4.2005
5	1998	1.4.2004
6	1997 and before	From the date of commencement of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (8th Amendment) Rules, 2002

Provided also that the returnable new glass bottle manufactures and used for packing of such beverages on the date of commencement of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (8th Amendment) Rules 2002 shall carry these declarations on its body”

Provided also that the above provisions except date of manufacture and “best before date” shall not apply in respect of carbonated water (plain soda) potable water impregnated with carbon dioxide under pressure) packed in returnable glass bottles.

**Explanation- I:** The term 'label' means a display of written, marked, graphic, printed.

**Explanation-V:** 'Multipiece package' means individually packaged or labelled pieces of intended for retail either in individual pieces

**Explanation-VI:** "Wholesale package" means

- a) A number of retail packages, where such sale, distribution or delivery to an direct to a single consumer; or
- b) A commodity of food sold to an intermed to sell, distribute or deliver such quantities.

**Explanation VII-** Prepacked commodity with expressions means a commodity of food is placed in a package of whatever nature contained therein has predetermined value the package or its lid or cap, as the case perceptible modification.

**Explanation VIII-**

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**Explanation IX-** Non-Vegetarian Food' means an article of food which contains whole or part of any animal including birds, fresh water or marine animals or eggs or products of any animal origin, but not including milk or milk products, as an ingredient.",

**Explanation X-** "Vegetarian Food" means any article of Food other than the Non-Vegetarian Food as defined in Explanation IX of this rule;

**32-A. Nutritional Food:** The food claimed to be enriched with nutrients such as minerals; proteins or vitamins shall give quantities of such added nutrients on the label.

**33. Languages of the Particulars or Declaration on the Label:** The particulars of declaration required under these rules to be specified on the label shall be in English or Hindi in Devnagri script:-

Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the use of any other language in addition to the language required under this rule.

**34. Declaration to be Surrounded by Line:** There shall be a surrounding line enclosing the declaration and where the words ["unsuitable for babies"] are required to be used there shall be another such line enclosing these words.

- (a) in the case of a rectangular container, the height and width of the panel of such container shall not be less than twenty percent of the average circumference of such container;
  - (b) in case of cylindrical or nearly cylindrical or nearly oval container, twenty percent of the average circumference of such container shall be the minimum height of the panel;
  - (c) in the case of a container of any other shape, the surface area of the container except the top and bottom of the container such label shall have not less than twenty percent of the total surface area of the container.
- (3) In computing the area of the principal display panel at top and bottoms of cans, and shouldered cans, the area shall be excluded.
- (4) In the case of package having a capacity of more than 500 ml, the principal display panel may be card or label attached to the container and bearing the required information.
- (5) The height of any numeral in the design of the principal display panel shall not be less than:

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**TABLE -27.5 Height and Size of Letters to be printed for net quantity declared in terms of weight or volume on label**

Sr. No.	Net quantity in weight/volume	Minimum height of numeral in mm	
		Normal case	When blown, formed, moulded or perforated on container
1	Up to 50g/ml	1	2
2	Above 50g/ml up to 200g/ml	2	4
3	Above 200g/ml up to 1kg/litre	4	6
4	Above 1kg/litre	6	8

(ii) As shown in Table-27.6 below if the net quantity is declared in terms of length, area or number.

**TABLE-27.6 Height and Size of Letters to be printed for net quantity declared in terms of length, area or number on label**

Sr. No.	Net quantity in length, area or number, Area of Principal display panel	Minimum height in mm	
		Normal case	When blown, formed, moulded or perforated on container
1	Up to 100 cm <sup>2</sup>	1	2

(7) Every declaration which is required shall be-

- Legible, prominent, definite, plain and
- Conspicuous as to size number and
- As far as practicable, in such style of type and conspicuously present in distinct graphic material used on the package or package in a colour that contrasts with the label.

**Provided that -**

- Where any label information is blown on a surface or where such information is on a surface that information shall not be required to be legible.
- Where any declaration on a package is in handwriting or hand script, such declaration shall be legible.

(8) No declaration shall be made so as to be obscured by a commodity contained in the package.

(9) Where a package is provided with a container or wrapper shall also contain the declaration to appear on the package except where the container is transparent and the declarations on the container are visible through the container.



**37-A. Manufacture of Proprietary Foods and Infant Foods:**

1. An article of infant milk substitutes/ infant foods whose standards are not prescribed in Appendix 'B' shall be manufactured for sale, exhibited for sale or stored for sale only after obtaining the approval of such article of food and its label from Government of India.
2. In case of proprietary foods the name of the food or category under which it falls in these rules shall be mentioned on the label.

**37-B. Labelling of Infant Milk Substitute and Infant Food:**

(1) Without prejudice to any other provisions relating to labelling requirements contained in these rules, every container of infant milk substitute or infant food or any label affixed thereto shall indicate in a clear, conspicuous and in an easily readable manner, the words, "IMPORTANT NOTICE" in capital letters and indicating there under the following particulars, namely:

(a) A statement "MOTHER'S MILK IS BEST FOR YOUR BABY" in capital letters.

The types of letters used shall not be less than five millimetres and the text of such statement shall be in the Central Panel of every container of infant milk substitute or infant food or any label affixed thereto. The colour of the text printed or used shall be different from that of the background of the label, container or the advertisement, as the case may be. In case of infant food, a statement indicating "infant food shall be introduced only after six months and up to the age of two years" shall also be given.

"Warning/caution-Careful and hygienic preparation of infant milk substitutes is most essential for health. Do not use concentrated infant milk substitutes in diluted feeding will not provide adequate nutrients. Do not use more scoops than directed since concentrated infant milk substitutes are by your infant"

(e) The approximate composition of infant milk substitute including its energy value in Kilo Calorie

(f) The storage condition specifically stating "air tight container" or the like;

(g) The feeding chart and directions including instruction for discarding left over

♥ Instruction for use of measuring scoop (scoop to be given with pack)

(i) Indicating the Batch No. Month and year before which it is to be consumed

(j) The protein efficiency ratio (PER) which is other than infant milk substitute

- (3) The containers of infant milk substitute meant for low birth weight infant (less than 2500gm) or labels affixed thereto shall indicate the following additional information, namely:
- (a) The words "**Low Birth weight** (Less Than 2.5 kg)" in capital letters along with the product name in central panel;
  - (b) A statement "the low birth weight infant milk substitute shall be withdrawn under medical advice as soon as the mother's milk is sufficiently available", and
  - (c) A statement "TO BE TAKEN UNDER MEDICAL ADVICE" in capital letters.
- (4) The product which contains neither milk nor any milk derivatives shall be labelled "Contains no milk or milk product" in conspicuous manner.
- (5) The container of infant milk substitute for lactose intolerant infants or label affixed thereto shall indicate conspicuously "LACTOSE FREE" in capital letters and statement "TO BE TAKEN UNDER MEDICAL ADVICE".

**38. Labels not to Contain Reference to Act or Rules Contradictory to Required Particulars:**

**40. Unauthorized Use of Words Showing**

- (1) There shall not be written in the statement on the label of any container containing any article of food the words "substitute" or "substituted" implying that the article is a substitute for any other article of food, unless such words is specifically permitted under the provisions of the Act.
- (2) Any fruit syrup, fruit juice, fruit squash, fruit beverage or fruit drink which does not contain the prescribed amount of natural fruit juice, fruit squash, fruit beverage or fruit drink shall be described as a synthetic product and conspicuously marked on the label. Any container containing such product shall have a label on the wrapper of such container or other covering thereof, stating "Not for those believing that it is a fruit product. Neither the label describing such a product nor shall it carry a picture of any fruit.... Carbonated fruit drinks shall not have a label which leads the consumer to believe that the product is a fruit product."
- (3) Any fruit and vegetable product alleged to contain not less than 40 mg of ascorbic acid shall not have a label which leads the consumer to believe that the product is a fruit or vegetable product.

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(a) In the case of condensed milk (unsweetened);

CONDENSED MILK UNSWEETENED (Evaporated milk)

This tin contains the equivalent of (x).....litres of toned milk

(b) In the case of condensed milk (sweetened);

CONDENSED MILK SWEETENED

This tin contains the equivalent of (x).....litres of toned milk with sugar added

(c) In the case of condensed skimmed milk (unsweetened):

CONDENSED SKIMMED MILK UNSWEETENED

(Evaporated Skimmed Milk)

This tin contains the equivalent of (x)... litres of skimmed milk

(d) In the case of condensed skimmed milk(SWEETENED)

CONDENSED SKIMMED MILK SWEETENED

This tin contains the equivalent of (x)..... litres of skimmed milk with sugar added

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MILK POWDER

This tin contains the equivalent

(e) In the case of milk powder which contains

MILK POWDER IN

CONTAINS

(f) In the case of partly skimmed milk powder

PARTLY SKIMMED

This tin contains the equivalent of (x) ...lit  
cent m

(g) In the case of skimmed milk powder:

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"To make a fluid not below the composition of toned milk or skimmed milk [\*\*\*] (as the case may be) with the contents of this package, add (here insert the number of parts) of water by volume to one part by volume of this condensed milk or desiccated (dried) milk.

Sweetened condensed milk and other similar products which are not suitable for infant feeding shall not contain any instructions for modifying them for infant formula.

(iv) Wherever the word "milk" appears on the label of a package of condensed skimmed milk or of (dried) skimmed milk as the description or part of the description of the contents, it shall be immediately preceded or followed by the word "machine skimmed" or "partly skimmed", as the case may be.

(C) **Fluid Milk:** The caps of the milk bottles shall clearly indicate the nature of the milk contained in them. The indication may be either in full or abbreviation shown below:

1. Buffalo milk may be denoted by the letter 'B'.
2. Cow milk may be denoted by the letter 'C'.
3. Goat milk may be denoted by the letter 'G'.
4. Standardized milk may be denoted by the letter 'S'
5. Toned milk may be denoted by the letter 'T'.
6. Double toned milk may be denoted by the letters 'DT'.
7. Skimmed milk may be denoted by the letter 'K'

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name and address along with the any, legibly and conspicuously displayed on the case may be.

Every package of synthetic food colouring shall carry a label upon which is printed a declaration of its content.

Unless otherwise provided in these regulations, every package which contains added natural colouring shall carry the following label:

**MALTED MILK FOOD IN THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS SYNTHETIC COLOURING**

(ZZZ)(1) Every package of food which is mentioned in table given in rule 10 shall carry the following label, namely:

(i) This..... (Name of food) contains

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**CONTAINS ARTIFICIAL SWEETENER AND FOR CALORIE CONSCIOUS**

(ZZZ)(1)(B) The declaration under sub-rule (ZZZ)(1)(A) shall be provided along with name or trade name of product and shall be of the half of the size of the name/trade name. The declaration may be given in two sentences, but in the same box:

Provided that the provision of these rules shall not apply in respect of any food which is manufactured and packed before the commencement of Prevention of Food Adulteration (1st Amendment) Rules, 2004.

(ZZZ) (5) Every package containing Fat-Spread shall carry the following labels, namely

<p>(i) <b>Milk Fat Spread</b></p> <p>Total Milk Fat Content..... percent by weight</p> <p>Date of Packing.....</p> <p>Use before.....</p>	<p>(i) <b>Mixed Fat Spread</b></p> <p>Total Fat Content..... percent by weight</p> <p>Milk Fat Content..... percent by weight</p> <p>Date of packing.....</p> <p>Use before.....</p>
<p>(i) <b>Vegetable Fat Spread</b></p>	

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(ZZZ) (16) Every package of Non-Vegetarian principal display panel just close food namely:

(ZZZ) (17) Every package of Vegetarian Food colour on the principal display brand name of the Food, namely

Provided if caffeine is added in the product container/bottle.

Provided also that in case of returnable glass the declaration of caffeine, may be given on

**43. Notice of Addition, Admixture or De**

(1) Every advertisement and every price which contains an addition, admixture containing such addition, admixture nature and quantity of such addition advertisement or label attached to the

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[DECLARATION]

THIS (a).....CONTAINS AN  
ADMIXTURE/ADDITION OF NOT MORE  
THAN (b).....PER CENT OF 3[\*\*\*] (c)

(a) Here insert the name of food.

(b) Here insert the quantity of admixture which may be present.

(c) Here insert the name of the admixture or the name of the ingredient  
which is deficient.

Where the context demands it, the words 'contains an admixture of' shall be replaced  
by the words 'contains an addition of or is deficient in';

(3) Unless the vendor of a food containing an addition, admixture or deficiency, has  
reason to believe that the purchaser is able to read and understand the  
declaratory label, he shall give the purchaser, if asked, the information  
contained in the declaratory label by word of mouth at the time of sale.

.....shall be deemed to authorize any person to sell



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**Explanation:** The term 'Advertisement' announcement made by means of any media, internet or website"

**Bar Code Definition:** A bar code is a series of vertical lines of varying widths, which represent the encodation rules of a particular specific

Benefits of the codes: The main purpose is to provide a machine-readable, and work can be speeded up by automatic entry, capturing data automatically by reading the bar code in a few seconds. Generally the error rate is extremely low.

**Advantages:**

Computer Aided Checkout.

Avoidance of over and under charging.

Self-service.

Instant inventory control.

Market survey – products sold and rate.

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**EAN/UPC:** European Article Numbering (EAN) system and Universal Products Code (UPC) system is a continuous symbology encoding fixed length number digits. Several variants exist, known as EAN-8, EAN-13, UPC-A and UPC-E. In addition, the symbology enables to encode 2 small symbols encoding 2 and 5 digits. These are called add-ons.

**Two-Dimensional Symbology: PDF 417:** As distinct from the linear symbology, a system such as PDF 417 is a two-dimensional stacked bar-code symbology. In this, the basic data unit or minimum segment containing interpretable data is called a codeword.

**Printing and Reading of Bar Codes:** Any printing technology can be of use in printing bar codes, provided it achieves enough accuracy with required quality at the right level.

There are many types of bar code readers available. They all illuminate the symbol and analyse the resulting reflectance. High reflectance areas are interpreted as spaces while areas of low-reflectance are represented as bars.

The decoder assigns binary values to the signal and forms a complete message. This is checked by the decoder and transformed into data.

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processed by the receiver, the original message  
and delivered can be checked. Inventories can

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## Lesson-28

### Scope of Aseptic Packaging and Pre-Requisite Conditions for Aseptic Packaging. Description of Equipments (Including Aseptic Tank) and Machines

#### 28.1 INTRODUCTION

Aseptic packaging can be defined as the filling of a commercially sterile product into a sterile container under aseptic conditions and hermetically sealing the containers so that re-infection is prevented. This results in a product, which is shelf-stable at ambient temperature conditions.

#### 28.2 SCOPE OF ASEPTIC PACKAGING

There are number of limitations and disadvantages during actual application of this technology. However, we can't ignore the advantages over various lacunas of the process. Thus, it can be concluded that aseptic packaging of sterile/non sterile food and food products is the most significant innovation in the field of food science and technology and there is a big scope in this area.

#### 28.3 MAJOR CATEGORIES OF ASEPTIC PACKAGING SYSTEMS

- *Can system:* It includes hermetically sealed cans
- *Bottle systems:* Glass containers and plastics bottles fall into this category. The bottles can further be divided into; a) Non-sterile bottles; b) Sterile blown bottles; c) Single station blowing, filling & sealing
- *Sachet and pouch systems:* This system is classified into Form-fill-seal systems and Lay flat tubing
- *Cup systems:* The aseptic packaging of food into cups can be into; Pre-formed plastic cups and Form-fill and seal cups
- *Carton systems:* This type of aseptic packaging system includes Form-fill-seal cartons and Prefabricated cartons
- *Bulk packaging systems:* This term of systems...

#### 28.4 PRE-REQUISITE CONDITIONS FOR ASE

- It should contain the product.
- It should prevent physical damage to pack.
- It should run smoothly on filling lines.
- It should withstand packaging processes.
- It should be easy to handle throughout d
- It should prevent dirt and other contamin
- It should be able to protect the product fr
- It should be resistant to rodent attack.
- It should be able to stop insect infestation
- It should be biologically safe i.e. non toxic
- It should be compatible to foodstuff.
- It should provide sterility to product.
- It should prevent ingress of microorganis
- It should show evidence of tampering.
- It should control moisture loss or gain.
- It should offer a barrier to oxygen.
- It should be protective against the light.
- It should maintain gas atmospheres, i.e.C
- It should communicate all the information manufacturer.
- It should have good sales appeal.
- It should be easy to open
- It should be cost effective.

The above given pack criteria are separated into s

- **Product Containment:** The need that liquids or powders do not leak o
- **Physical Protection:** This is require

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weight, list of ingredients, batch number, use-by date, nutritional information etc.

- **Sale-Appeal:** The package must look attractive and 'catch the eye' of prospective purchasers, and it should also be easy to open and dispense the product.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Value for money in packaging is more important than looking for the lowest price. A cheap but dimensionally variable container could cause more damage during production or an increase of 'leakers' in the market place, thereby effects the sale of the product.

### 28.5 ASEPTIC TANK

The aseptic tank is used for intermediate storage of UHT treated dairy products. It can be used in different ways in UHT lines, depending on plant design and the capacities of the various units in the process and packaging lines.

- If one of the packaging machines incidentally stops, the aseptic tank can take care of the surplus product during the stoppage.
- Simultaneous packaging of two products.

The aseptic tank is first filled with one product, sufficient to last for a full shift of packaging. Then the UHT plant is switched over to another product which is packed directly in the line of packaging machines. One or more aseptic tanks included in the production line offer flexibility in production planning.

Direct packaging from a UHT plant requires recirculation of a minimum extra volume of 300 litres per hour to maintain a constant pressure to the filling machines. Products which are sensitive to overtreatment cannot tolerate this and the required overcapacity must then be fed from an aseptic tank.

The optimum arrangement must thus be decided for each individual process with UHT plants, aseptic tanks and aseptic packaging machines.

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**Micro-processor Controlled Systems Em  
Conditions and Quality Assuranc**

### 29.1 INTRODUCTION

Microprocessors & microcomputers are first time in 1973. Microprocessor-based equip Microprocessor-controlled packaging machi Microprocessor-based aseptic packaging h process variables simultaneously.

Main operations that are taken care by micro

- Feeding of film to the machine
- Converting of film into required shape
- Filling the product with specific volum
- Heat sealing
- Collecting up of specific no of packs a pack.

All these operations are taken care by Micro

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shutdown, product changeovers and, for carton systems, reel splices and paper splices.

- Pipes, storage tank, and surfaces of the packaging machine come into contact with the sterilized product have to be sterilized.
- Sterilization procedures should be verified.
- The seal integrity of the package should be monitored as well as the overall microbial quality of packaging material itself.
- Care should be taken to minimize contamination during subsequent handling. All these could result in an increase in spoilage rate.
- Rinsing, cleaning and disinfecting procedures are also very important, especially the removal of fouling deposits, which may provide a breeding ground for the growth of micro-organisms, especially thermophiles.

### 29.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE ASPECTS OF ASEPTIC PACKAGING

- Aseptic packaging has to be meticulously checked.
- Not only must the packaged product be examined, but so must all preceding steps, as well as the operators, which are potential carriers of pathogens.
- If just one bacterium reaches the product, and that bacterium is pathogenic and can proliferate (for example, *Staphylococcus aureus*), the result could be disastrous.
- In addition to regular sampling during production, further samples should be taken at the times or in situations known to be associated with an increased risk of contamination. It is advisable to incubate these samples long enough, in most cases from 5 to 7 days at 30°C to allow sub-lethally damaged bacteria also to grow to detectable counts. The products should only be delivered if the result of the shelf-life test is Satisfactory

## **Microbial Standards, Packaging**

### **30.1 INTRODUCTION**

Modern packaging can be defined as a means of preserving a product in sound condition at minimum cost, protecting the product and protect it from environmental factors, and making it convenient for consumers and enables convenient disposal. The main functions of packaging materials are containment, protection, and convenience.

### **30.2 MICROBIAL STANDARDS**

Microbial characteristics of food that influence shelf life can be divided into 3 types:

- Perishable: Milk
- Semi perishable: Dried Milk
- Non perishable canned, sterilized



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Important factors in choosing a packaging unit may depend on:

- Degree of protection needed against light, humidity, temperature, micro-organisms /insects, protection for Protein, Fat, Characteristic Flavour and Water in products. The Price, Sales appeal, Ease in handling, Mechanical hazard and handling by consumers are also the determining factors.

The two important factors that control the influence of packaging materials on milk products are

1. Exposure to high temperature during the fabrication of packaging materials to keep them sterile.
2. Care during subsequent handling and storage of these materials and avoiding the contamination.

### 30.2.1 Proposed Microbiological Standards

- SPC : 10 / 100 cm<sup>2</sup> or 10 per 100 ml capacity among which about 3% are spores.

o Laminated paper has been shown to contain, say, 10 organisms per 100 cm<sup>2</sup>, The inner surface of a 1-liter carton is about 800 cm<sup>2</sup> and will thus on average be contaminated by about 2.5 spores. These spores are the most heat resistant, and hence their number must be reduced to less than 10<sup>-5</sup> per package. Furthermore, the packages should be aseptically

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containers. An ideal pack should be virtually moisture proof.

Testing of packaging materials for microbial

- A specified area of the packaging material is placed in a Petri dish and overlaid with a sterile medium.
- Incubate the plates and count the colonies.
- This technique is for the non absorbent plastics and aluminium foil.

The packaging materials are tested for the presence of a suspension of *Bacillus polymyxa*. The packages are tested for *Bacillus polymyxa* under slightly induced conditions. The pin holes and cause spoilage on incubation.

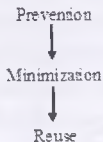
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### Disposal Methods of Waste Packages

#### 31.1 INTRODUCTION

After product usage, the empty packages have to be discarded, and these constitute a fair proportion of the solid waste produced by the community. In developed countries 4 lb of municipal waste is created by each person in one day. Out of this, packaging accounts for nearly 1/3rd of the volume. The collection and proper disposal of the waste is done by ministerial or public health authorities. Glass, paper, plastics and tin cans are the main packaging materials which get mixed with the city refuse and present problem of their proper disposal. The non - disposable nature of many packaging materials make it much more complicated problem.

#### 31.2 THE HIERARCHY OF WASTE DISPOSAL



- **Reuse** – The reuse of a package or container is encouraged. Returnable packaging is preferred, if viable.
- **Recycling** – Recycling is the reproduction of materials into new products. Emphasis is focused on the components of a package. i.e. Steel, aluminum, and glass components can be chosen which do not contaminate recycling operations.
- **Energy recovery** – Waste-to-energy facilities are able to make use of the energy value of some components.
- **Disposal** – Incineration and placement in landfills are used for some materials. Material content should be considered for emissions and ash from incineration. Landfills should not be littered.

### 31.3 METHODS OF WASTE DISPOSAL

There are various methods of waste disposal.

**31.3.1 Open dumping:** By this method open dumping should not be expected to contribute to public health. Discarded food packages may contain residues that may harbour insects and bacteria that may cause health problems.

**31.3.2 Sanitary landfill method:** The most common waste disposal method is the landfill method. Here the trouble is not the waste itself but the way it is handled after compressing and piling. The waste is covered by earth. Degradability due to biodegradation is a common feature in sanitary landfill. Disadvantages include: leachate polluting ground water and production of methane gas.

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- c. Very little lead and cadmium are found in ash on incineration
- d. Most hygienic way of waste disposal.

### 31.3.4.2 Disadvantages:

- a. Large investment is required to construct plants.
- b. High operational cost is involved.
- c. Air pollution - Ex: release of hydrogen chloride during burning of PVC.
- d. Glass, steel and other metals are not combustible and they should be removed before incineration.
- e. Glass and plastics if not removed, create problems in incinerator due to melting and solidifying inside the equipment.

**31.3.5 Recycling:** Recycling means use of waste material as raw material for preparation of new products.

### 31.3.5.1 Two methods of recycling:

- a) Primary Re-cycling: It means the use of recycled material to produce the same material. Ex: Aluminum cans, Glass bottles.
- b) Secondary Re-Cycling: Use of recycled material to form new materials with lower specifications.

Ex: Use of food grade plastics in production of plastics for industrial use.

- 4) Recycling of coloured glasses / fil
- 5) Difficulty in collection and segreg

#### **31.4 THE MATERIALS THAT CAN BE RE**

- (A) Steel cans
- (B) Aluminum cans
- (C) Glass bottles/containers
- (D) Plastics
- (E) Paper

#### **31.5 RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

Recent developments in packaging waste di filling, more sophisticated combustion tec plastics. Bio-degradable, solar-degradable PP etc can be added to coal tar while me resistance for the road laid. The laminates ply boards which are used for industry lami

## Lesson-32

### Description of Equipments and Machines of Different Packaging Systems

#### 32.1 INTRODUCTION

Packaging is the science, art, and technology of enclosing or protecting products for distribution, storage, sale, and use.

#### 32.2 PACKAGING MACHINE

Choice of packaging machinery depends as

- technical capabilities, labor requirements
- worker safety
- maintainability
- serviceability
- reliability

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- throughput
- efficiency
- productivity
- Ergonomics, etc.

Packaging machines may be of the following

1. Blister packs, skin packs and Vacuum
2. Bottle capping equipment, Over-Capping  
Machines
3. Cartoning Machines
4. Box, Case and Tray Forming, Packing  
Machines
5. Cleaning, Sterilizing, Cooling and Drying
6. Conveyors, Accumulating and Related
7. Feeding, Orienting, Placing and Related
8. Filling Machines: handling liquid and p

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### 32.3.1 Filling Machine

There are two Types (a) Filling by gravitation (b) Mechanical filling.

**32.3.1 Filling by Gravitation:** Filling by gravity is used for filling thin liquids like milk into glass bottles/plastic bottles. In gravitational filling, the filling process is stopped when the pre-calibrated filling height has been reached. This system is suitable for filling milk in glass bottles. However, packaging milk in bottles is outdated in India. In volumetric filling process, fixed volume of milk is filled.

**32.3.2 Mechanical Filling:** In this type milk powders are metered filled by using screw conveyors. The conveyors are used as metering and dosing devices. However, due to variation in bulk densities of milk powder, care must be exercised to ensure even delivery of the product and which shall be equal in weight from package to package.

**32.3.3 Over Wrapping Machines:** Over wrapping the product with a film or foil is commonly employed for cheese and butter. Generally these machines work as the push – through principle i.e. the portion to be wrapped is pushed onto the film. In these machines, a measured amount of foil or film is pressed by a piston through a folding channel into a mould. The product shape that is



pressure of air. The remaining stage  
lid takes place in the sterile tunnel.

**32.3.5 Form Fill and Sealing Machine:** For automated assembly-line product packaging of milk, buttermilk, ghee etc.. The machine uses plastic film, while simultaneously filling the bags.

- The typical machine is loaded with a roll of film that has had labeling and artwork applied. The film is made of LDPE or LLDPE is the most commonly used polymer.
- For some products the film may first be heated in a dryer prior to use in the packaging machine.
- The film approaches the back of a long conical tube, the center of the plastic is near the tube, and the film wraps around the conical tube. The film is then drawn over the top of the tube and a vertical heat-sealing bar bonds the film by melting the seam.
- To start the bagging process, a horizontal sealing bar seals the top of the sealed tube end is then lowered onto a product. The product to be bagged is dispensed through the tube.
- When the tare weight of the product-filled bag is reached, the horizontal sealing bar seals the top of the bottom of the next bag above. This bag is then a sealed package, ready to advance on the conveyor.

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**32.3.7 Shrink wrapping machines:** Shrink wrapping connotes packing of one or several articles with a thermoplastic film which when subjected to heat shrinks and form a tight wrap around the object. Shrink wrap, also shrink-wrap or shrink film, is a material made up of polymer plastic film. When heat is applied to this material it shrinks tightly over whatever it is covering. Heat can be applied with a hand held heat gun (electric or gas) or the package can pass through a heat tunnel on a conveyor. Shrink wrap is commonly used as an overwrap on many types of packaging, including cartons, boxes, beverage cans and pallet loads. A variety of products may be enclosed in shrink wrap to stabilize the products, unitize them, keep them clean, add a degree of tamper resistance, etc. It can be the primary covering for some foods such as cheese and Paneer.

The most commonly used shrink wrap is polyolefin. It is available in a variety of thicknesses, clarities, strengths and shrink ratios. The two primary films are either crosslinked, or non crosslinked. Other shrink films include PVC and several other compositions like LDPE, LLDPE, PP, EVA etc. Coextrusions and laminations are available for specific mechanical and barrier properties for shrink wrapping food.

In shrink-wrap machine a loose plastic film pouch is made on a wrapping machine. The product is placed in this pack which passes through a heated tunnel in which the film shrinks and adheres closely to the product. The film is generally heated by hot air, infrared rays or hot water. Shrink wrapping is also used to hold together several singly wrapped products/ packages in a multiple unit package.

### **Advantages of shrink wrap packaging:**

1. All types of items of regular / irregular shapes and sizes can be shrink wrapped.

**32.3.8 Stretch wrapping:** Stretch wrap or stretch film that is wrapped around items. The elastic recovery of the film allows it to be stretched around the item. In contrast, shrink wrap is applied loosely around the item and then heat is applied to cause the wrap to shrink. It is frequently used to unitize pallet loads and smaller items. Types of stretch film include bundle wrap, extended core stretch film, machine stretch film and hand stretch film.

**32.3.8.1 Materials:** The most common stretch wrap is polyethylene or LLDPE, which is produced by copolymerizing ethylene with other olefins, the most common of which are butene, propene, and hexene. Polyethylene and PVC can also be used. Many films are available with different properties, but are only stretched to about 100 – 300% in length. The elastic recovery is used to keep the load tight. Other properties such as clarity, tear resistance, static discharge, etc. are also available.

#### **32.3.8.2 Functions**

In pallet unitizing, stretch wrap can have several functions:

- improved stability of products or packages, for example, on a pallet;
- more efficient handling and storage of unit loads;
- some degree of dust and moisture protection;
- some degree of tamper resistance and resistance to theft;
- Stretch wrapping is the most cost-effective way to protect a pallet.
- Stretch wrapping can be applied manually with a hand-held dispenser (usually 12" wide) of film. Dispensers are also available for use on a pallet. Some are available to automate the operation. This can

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**32.3.9 Insert gas packing:** Inert gas packing using nitrogen, carbon dioxide or a mixture of the two is done by passing the gasses around the product prior to sealing  
ex: Cheese. Whole milk powder packed in tins with a pin hole is evacuated under vacuum. The vacuum is then broken by the inert gas (usually  $N_2$ ) and the pin hole is sealed immediately.

**32.3.10.Vacuum Packaging:** Vacuum packaging is done for products like cheese blocks, panner etc, where there is problem of microorganisms growing on the surface. The product is placed in a plastic pouch and placed in the vacuum packaging machine for the creation of vacuum in the pack and subsequent sealing takes place in the machine itself.

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