

BPI Taps DIN CERTCO For Third-Party Compostability Verification

Partnership with World Leader will Solidify North American Certification

November 14, 2017, New York, NY - The BPI Board of Directors announced today that DIN CERTCO has been hired for the administration of technical reviews under the BPI certification program, effective December 1, 2017.

BPI operates North America's leading certification for compostable products, with over 6,500 products currently approved based on ASTM's scientific standards. DIN CERTCO has more than 2 decades of experience administering compostability certification for groups such as EU Bioplastics Association and Australasia Bioplastics, as well as its own certifications.

Certification for compostable products is critical for ensuring that items have been properly tested, meet international standards, and can be identified as such by composters, municipalities, restaurants, consumers, and others engaged in the diversion of organic waste. States like California and Maryland have laws requiring any product marketed as compostable to meet these standards, and BPI certification is widely acknowledged as the best means of doing so.

"We are excited to partner with DIN CERTCO for this next phase of our certification program, as they are a recognized leader in the compostability field," says Rhodes Yepsen, Executive Director of BPI. "This will not change the appearance of the BPI certification to those who trust and rely on it. However, offices in China and Taiwan will assist with the growing number of companies located overseas, and technical expertise will ensure continued strength in compostability claims for products and packaging that are increasingly complex in nature."

"This is an excellent opportunity for BPI and DIN CERTCO to provide our customers the best service possible. We are convinced that we are able to provide a value added service with our experts, since we have been active in the field of industrial compostable products for more than 20 years." adds Robert Zorn, Managing Director of DIN CERTCO. "Together with BPI we will be able to provide customers a one-stop solution to access several markets in one go."

About BPI:

BPI is a not-for-profit organization operating North America's largest certification program for compostable products. The organization's goal is to assist in the diversion of organic waste to composting, by verifying that products and packaging will completely break down in a professionally managed composting facility, without harming the quality of that compost.

Certified product database: <http://products.bpiworld.org>

Website: www.bpiworld.org

About DIN CERTCO:

DIN CERTCO is a German company granting various certification programs in the environmental field, and is ISO 17065 accredited for the services of product certification in the field of biodegradability and compostability in different environments.

<http://www.dincertco.de/en>