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Value Plastics Introduces Animal-free Polypropylene Product Line

ANIMAL-FREE POLYPROPYLENE



Value Plastics announces availability of new polypropylene animal-free fittings and connectors.

Since the first reported outbreak of BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy or “mad cow disease”) in the United Kingdom, suppliers of healthcare products, in conjunction with global healthcare agencies, have diligently worked to reduce the threat of this serious disease. BSE is a progressive neurological disorder of cattle that can be transmitted to humans.

Worldwide healthcare agencies have recommended a number of steps to reduce the risk of BSE to humans including documenting that those products containing animal derivatives only use material from BSE-free countries. Plastic products commonly use beef tallow as a lubricant in the manufacturing process and tracking all of them to their source can require a significant expense for a biopharmaceutical manufacturer.

“Polypropylene is by far the most widely used resin for flexible tube fittings in the biopharmaceutical industry” said Bruce Williams, CEO of Value Plastics. “Our new animal-free polypropylene significantly reduces our customers’ BSE-related paperwork by completely eliminating the documentation requirement for fittings made with this material.”

Chris Rombach, President of Stedim North America, commented “Our customers have demanded the highest standards from Stedim and as a result our Flexboy® container products are all animal-free. Having additional fitting and connector options is another step in assuring that our customers’ entire system is animal-free.” Stedim is the world’s leading designer and manufacturer of single-use, sterile plastic bag systems.

The new animal-free polypropylene is in addition to Value Plastics’ extensive line of animal-free PVDF and polycarbonate fittings and connectors for the biopharmaceutical industry, including the 600 Series line of large connectors. All animal-free and 600 Series products are Class VI certified and suitable for gamma sterilization.

Free samples can be obtained by calling Value Plastics Inside Sales at 970-267-5200 (toll-free in U.S.A. at 888-404-5837) or by completing an online request at http://www.valueplastics.com/contact_us/index.asp

Value Plastics makes and markets an innovative line of fluid management components designed specifically for flexible tubing. Value Plastics products find global application in demanding healthcare OEM, research and light industrial applications, and all are produced in its Northern Colorado facility. For further information, please contact Will Kiff Stone, Marketing Communications Manager, at 970-267-5221, or wills@valueplastics.com. Value Plastics, Inc., 3325 South Timberline Road, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, phone 970-267-5200, toll free in U.S.A. 888-404-5837, fax 970-223-0953, <http://www.valueplastics.com>

