Goodfellow Announces Major Extension of Their Range of Polylactic Acid (PLA) Granules

Huntingdon (UK) ... 12 September 2019 ... In keeping with the increasing demand for sustainable and environmentally friendly materials, Goodfellow are pleased to announce a major expansion of their range of PLA granules. The extended range includes a variety of differing melt flow rate (MFR) materials suitable for extrusion and injection moulding. For customers, the addition of these new grades enhances the Goodfellow green materials range and extends the options available for biodegradable polymers.

Depending on the particular PLA grade, typical applications include cutlery, cups, plates, saucers, food and dairy containers, hinged ware, cosmetic containers, cards, graphic arts, signage, outdoor novelties, durables such as electronics housing, and clear and opaque thin-wall components requiring high gloss, UV resistance and stiffness.

Polylactic acid or polylactide (PLA) is a thermoplastic aliphatic polyester derived from renewable resources, such as corn starch (in the United States), tapioca roots, chips or starch (mostly in Asia), or sugarcane (in the rest of the world). It is indeed a polyester, not a polyacid (polyelectrolyte) as its name erroneously implies.

For more information about the properties and potential of PLA granules, contact the Goodfellow Technical Team at technical@goodfellow.com or click here.

For more information about Goodfellow’s Green Production Initiative, click here.

About Goodfellow
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