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Dear customers and partners,

Our company regarding the publication in the journal FOOD ADDITIVES & CONTAMINANTS of the research entitled «**Assessment of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in commercially available drinking straws using targeted and suspect screening approaches**» for the detection of PFAS substances in drinking straws, specific extracts of which are widely circulated in the media, causing various discussions and reactions, feels obliged on the one hand to make some clarifications so that the issue created is put on its real basis and on the other hand to inform everyone interested about the safety and quality of its products.

First of all, it should be noted that the PFAS group includes thousands of synthetic chemicals (the majority of which are allowed), which we find in countless everyday products, such as cooking utensils, cosmetics, clothing, food and much more.

From the title of the research, it is understood that its subject is not how environmentally friendly specifically the paper straws are, but more rather it is about drinking straws made of various materials including glass, plastic and stainless steel. It should also be mentioned that the research focuses on straws of European production and non-European production.

According to its results, some substances from the large family of PFAS were detected in all the above materials, except stainless steel and in fact in the ones produced by all the researched countries, European and non-European. For confirmation, the link that refers to the full text of the research with its conclusions is provided.

[Assessment of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substances \(PFAS\) in commercially available drinking straws using targeted and suspect screening approaches \(tandfonline.com\)](https://www.tandfonline.com)

In any case, INTERTAN S.A., with absolute respect for people and the environment, assures that no stage of the production process of its paper straws, from raw materials to the production of final products, includes the addition of PFAS.

Our Company, with a sense of responsibility towards its customers and partners, takes all appropriate measures to ensure the absence from its products of harmful substances for health and the environment, ensuring their compliance with the current national and European legislative framework.

We remain at your disposal for any further clarifications.

Sincerely  
**Evangelos Tsiamis**  
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