



## Memorandum

**Date:** January 21, 2026

**From:** Biologist, Office of Pre-Market Additive Safety, Environmental Review Team

**Subject:** Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Food Contact Substance Notification (FCN) 2486

**Notifier:** Sinopec Chongqing SVW Chemical Co., Ltd.

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Attached is the FONSI for FCN 2486, which is for the use of ethylene-vinyl acetate-vinyl alcohol (EVOH) copolymers (CAS Reg. No. 26221-27-2). The FCS may be used (1) in base resins as a component of films, bottles, and molded articles, and (2) as a coating for paper and paperboard. This FONSI explains how the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has met the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for this FCN.

After this notification becomes effective, copies of this FONSI, and the notifier's environmental assessment (EA) dated November 14, 2025, may be made available to the public. We will post digital transcriptions of the FONSI and the EA on the agency's public website.

Please let us know if there is any change in the identity or use of the food-contact substance.

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**Attachments:** Finding of No Significant Impact

**File:** FCN No. 2486

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**Proposed Action:** Food Contact Substance (FCS) Notification (FCN) 2486, submitted by Sinopec Chongqing SVW Chemical Co., Ltd. for the use of ethylene-vinyl acetate-vinyl alcohol (EVOH) copolymers (CAS Reg. No. 26221-27-2). The FCS may be used (1) in base resins as a component of films, bottles, and molded articles, and (2) as a coating for paper and paperboard.

The FCS containing 17 to 40 percent ethylene units and 60 to 83 percent vinyl alcohol units by weight may be used:

1. in base resins as a component of films, bottles, and molded articles that may contact all foods, except those containing more than 8% alcohol, under Conditions of Use A through H as described in Tables 1 and 2.<sup>1</sup>
2. in coatings for paper and paperboard at levels not to exceed 10 g/m<sup>2</sup> of the food contact surface. The finished paper/paperboard is intended for use in contact with all foods, except those containing more than 8% alcohol, under Conditions of Use C through H and J (limited to microwave susceptor and microwave only container applications), as described in Tables 1 and 2.

The FCS is not for use in contact with infant formula and human milk. Such uses were not included as part of the intended use of the substance in the FCN.

The Office of Pre-Market Additive Safety has determined that allowing this notification to become effective will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and, therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be prepared. This finding is based on information submitted by the notifier in an environmental assessment (EA), dated November 14, 2025. The EA was prepared in accordance with 21 CFR 25.40. The EA is incorporated by reference in this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and is briefly summarized below.

Finished food-contact articles containing the FCS will be used in patterns corresponding to population density and will be widely distributed across the country. Food-contact articles containing the FCS are expected to be disposed of either by landfilling or by incineration at municipal solid waste (MSW) combustors. Recycling is not anticipated. The disposal will occur at rates proportional to the national MSW disposal patterns for similar products. It is anticipated that, due to EPA regulations at 40 CFR Part 258, there will be no significant introduction of the FCS or its components into the environment resulting from land disposal of such articles. Incineration of food-contact articles containing the FCS will not significantly alter the emissions from properly operating MSW combustion facilities and will therefore not cause these facilities to threaten a violation of applicable emissions laws and regulations at 40 CFR Part 60 and/or relevant state and local laws.

Use of the FCS is not expected to result in a net increase in the use of energy and resources, because it is expected to replace, to a certain extent, other substances already in use. It is reasonable to expect that the manufacture of the FCS and its fabrication in food-contact articles will consume energy and resources in amounts comparable to the manufacture and use of materials already in use.

No mitigation measures are needed since no significant adverse environmental effects are expected from use and disposal of food-contact articles manufactured with the FCS, nor do we expect significant environmental impacts, which would necessitate alternative actions to those proposed in this FCN. The alternative to not allowing the FCN to become effective would be continued use of materials that the FCS would otherwise replace; therefore, this action would have no significant environmental impact.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/food/packaging-food-contact-substances-fcs/food-types-conditions-use-food-contact-substances>  
[www.fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov)

As evaluated in the EA, the proposed use of the FCS as described in FCN 2486 is not expected to significantly affect the human environment; therefore, an EIS will not be prepared.

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