

Customer Newsletter

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Case Count Update

The box count conversion is complete for all active colors, printed and labeled caps in our inventory. Any orders received after July 25th will be in our new box counts only. All 38mm Snap Screw will be in 2500 count cases/87,500 per pallet and 38mm Tail closures in 2800 count cases/98,000 per pallet.

We hope that you have begun to realize savings in freight and inventories. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact



Carolyn Book, our Customer Service Manager, at 800-377-4732 ext. 203 or e-mail her with any comments at cbook@ipec.biz. Your feed back is valuable to us not only on this initiative but for any other concern you may wish to discuss. It ultimately assists us in performing and implementing better services for you. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

FDA Lot Number

The FDA has initiated a requirement for establishing and maintaining records for all food products. This regulation implements the record keeping authority of the Bioterrorism Act (Act), which requires that a lot number, code number or other identifier must accompany the goods, if the information exists.

The Bioterrorism Act requirement was established Feb. 7th 2005, and requires compliance within a specific time period dependent on the company's size. Therefore IPEC is committed to providing our customers with the type of service that they expect and deserve. Effective with shipments commencing June 1, 2005, IPEC includes with its Bill of Lading and Customer Packing List, a Sales Order Invoicing report. This Sales Order Invoicing report will reference the additional information required by the Act.



If you have any questions pertaining to our new procedure or to the Bioterrorism Act, please contact our Director of Quality, Brian Householder at 1-800-377-4732 ext. 207 or bhouseholder@ipec.biz.

ISO Closure Available

Effective June 1, 2005, we began production for our new 38mm Screw (ISO) closure. The closure features a drop lock tamper evident band and a four lead thread profile for easy application and removal. The ease of repetitively screwing the closure on and off and its aesthetically pleasing design gives consumers the function and reliability they are looking for. If you should have an interest in learning more about this closure, please contact your sales representative.



SHARP Certification

On May 10th of this year, IPEC was awarded SHARP Certification from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration through the U.S. Department of Labor. SHARP which stands for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program is a certification which recognizes companies for implementing and maintaining a comprehensive Safety and Health program which meets or exceeds all of the federally mandated OSHA requirements.

IPEC began working towards SHARP certification three years ago through the Pennsylvania/OSHA Consultation Program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (I.U.P.). Every three months, safety and health audits were conducted to insure that all of the 58 points of the program are in place and functioning. In addition to the SHARP requirements, IPEC's injury and illness rates had to be below the national averages for companies within the plastics manufacturing industry.



During the awards presentation, which was attended by representatives of I.U.P. and OSHA, it was noted that out of 200,000 operating workplaces in Pennsylvania, only 23 have achieved SHARP certification status. The certification is good for one year followed by two-year renewal periods after undergoing surveillance audits similar to the certification audit.