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To Whom It May Concern:

Fibergrate FGI-AM® resin system utilized to manufacture flooring products, such as grating, floor plate and Safe-T-Stand® work platforms, are formulated and manufactured to meet USDA acceptance. These products are manufactured to be used in areas intended for repeated use in contact with food.

The USDA no longer issues letters of approval for flooring products on a case-by-case basis. The USDA has installed a risk-based audit system placing the burden of compliance on the facility’s compliance officer. To reduce problems associated with government audits and long-term liabilities, Fibergrate has maintained its compliance status.

Some fiberglass reinforced plastic formulations contain carcinogen compounds and other materials not approved for food contact. Examples are:

- Antimony trioxide
- Lead and chrome-based pigments
- Fire retardant additives
- Certain catalyst and promoters
- Many performance additives

The long-term effects of chemicals are difficult, if not impossible, to predict. For this reason, Fibergrate continues to produce these products for materials previously approved by the USDA for food contact. These flooring products have many years of service in major food processing facilities in the United States without adverse conditions or safety hazards.

Sincerely,

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