

We are ASA San Marino SpA a manufacturer of metal decorated containers with headquarters in San Marino country and employ 200 employees. We manufacture the following products where We use UV lamps for curing of UV ink and coatings, we work 4 shifts 6 days with UV and we treat 40000 tons in sheet metal each year.

We require that UV mercury lamps production continue in the next years because so far our experience with alternatives to UV lamps such as LED technology which offers anyhow interesting benefits it has still too many limitations for our purposes, such as:

Inks yet developed enough and especially coatings for metal decoration

The experience which this technology of our competitors is LED has still a lack of adhesion and UV mercury lamps covers a bigger range of radiant length waves that helps for curing and fixing products

A very important point is that inks/coatings do not have a validation for food contact containers

Any eventual band of mercury could generate a limitation to our factory production continuity and anyway, this step means huge investments to change our UV curing systems.

We therefore require that the limitation is cancelled.

Answer provided as is by Danilo Dangelo on behalf of ASA San Marino SpA on the 26th of May 2021.