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## FDA STANDARD PACKINGS

FDA approval on packings has been fully investigated.

We are advised that the FDA do not actually approve Gland Packings. Some companies are known to promote their packings as FDA approved. They are being economical with the truth.

We have in the past, when faced with this situation, asked the customer to ask the competitor packing company to provide certificates of approval. Non have been forthcoming.

What these companies mean by FDA approval is either:

1 - that the particular manufacturing process, which many include the companies packing, has been approved

or more usually:

2 - that the process of manufacture of the packings has been done within the guidelines of an FDA paragraph. This FDA paragraph sets out the principals and guidelines for the process of manufacture of Gland Packings suitable for the food and pharmaceutical industries.

We certify that these packings are manufactured within the guidelines of the FDA paragraph specification for Gland Packings for use in food and pharmaceutical industries. This paragraph certification number is 21 CFR 177.1550. It is conformity to this in manufacture that we consider our competitors truly mean when they state FDA approval. The FDA do not have procedures for testing individual packings in isolation.

The above information is in our opinion given in good faith, following previous investigation. For proper certification please advise of your requirements and the details of the application. We will specify and advise to the braider and request certification from them in order that we may supply you with the same.