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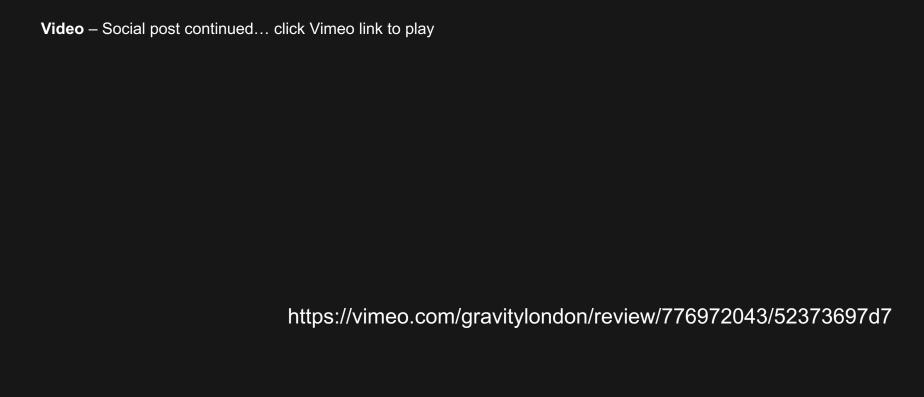


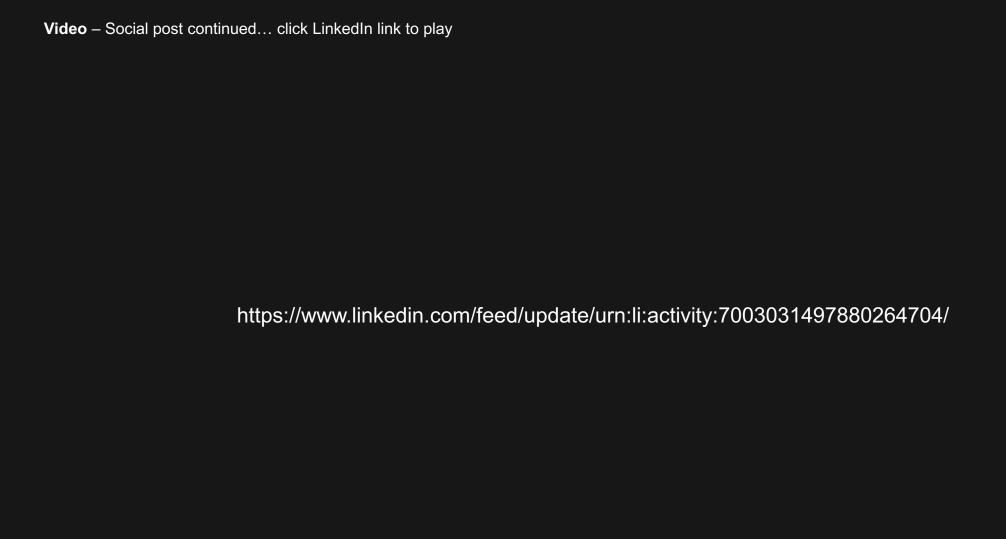
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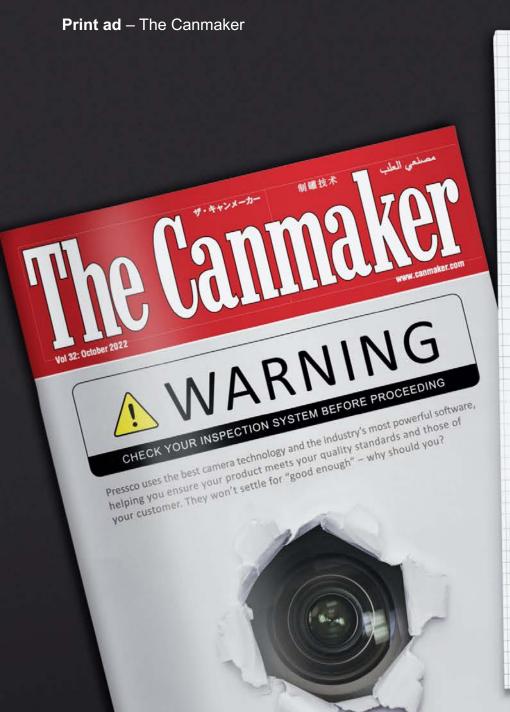


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A year of transition

By Chris Bradford, Industrial Coatings Marketing Director, AkzoNobel

AkzoNobel Packaging Coatings sees a challenging year ahead for can-makers who are navigating a changing regulatory landscape. The can and packaging environment will continue to be challenging in 2023 with tighter regulations on the horizon. At the time of writing, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is expected to issue its latest regulatory verdict about tolerable levels of Bisphenol A (BPAs) following further scientific assessment and public consultation. The outcome can only mean tighter restrictions on the use of BPA based coatings in food contact products in the EU. BPA- is not the only potentially harmful chemical to come under scrutiny; Styrene and Formaldehyde are also facing growing regulatory implications.

The can-making industry, at all points along the supply chain, needs to be implementing the change to meet these regulations, despite the challenges that change will bring.

A fast transition to Bisphenol-Free coatings

The challenge for packaging manufacturiers, such as can-makers, is to know when and how to switch. For the industry to achieve this change across the whole supply chain within the required timeframe, manufacturiers need to be sure any new coating technology is not likely to be regulated or even outright banned at a later date and, critically, will provide the same performance as existing coatings. But can-makers, as well as can fillers and food and bewrage manufacturers, will need to make those decisions during 2023 and begin the transition before an outright ban is enforced.

Current Bisphenol A non-intentionally added (BPANI) products are well-established, and many leading beverage brands – soft drink or beer manufacturers – have or are already in the process of making the switch.

Next year we expect to see faster adoption of Bisphenol-Free internal and external coatings as we launch more coatings onto the market. We will, for instance, be launching our new products under a new naming architecture which will make it easier for customers to select the product they need. For beer and beverages, Accelshield" will be our new

name for internal coatings and Acceletyle" for external coatings, both will feature products that are free of Bisphenols, phenolics, PFAS, formaldehyde and Styrene. For food, we'll introduce Secursheld" for internal coatings and Securstyle" for internal coatings and Securstyle" for external coatings. As a coating's supplier, we know we must deliver the future-proof regulatory compliant coatings our customers need, and because of the markets we serve, we must also fulfil oustomers' flavour, preservation, and production needs.

But perhaps, in such uncertain times, what they will need more of, is reassurance. Can-makers need a coatings provider who can also help drive plant efficiencies and reduce the complexity of the conversion to Bisphenol-Free coatings.

Providing reassuringly robust alternatives

Bisphenol-Free coatings will need to be demonstrably as robust as existing coatings to reassure customers. Accelshield and Accelstyle have already undergone extensive critical to quality testing with can-makers. They are just as able to withstand the harsh processing needs of the beverage industry, including retort, pasteurisation and mobility, as traditional coatings. They also accommodate some of the more challenging new drink types which are becoming common in the market, And the technology has been designed to be relatively seamless to introduce into existing production processes. That also means the transition to non-bisphenois is commercially viable.

In the short-ferm European can-makers can still use epoxy coatings under regional and local regulations. 2023 may not bring the clarity that we are all looking for, but one thing is certain: Bisphenols – of any kind – are no longer required to create safe coatings for metal packaging. And as regulations tighten in the next year or two, manufacturers need to make the transition, so the months ahead will see can-makers working with their trusted coatings partners to migrate much faster towards a Bisphenol-Free world.

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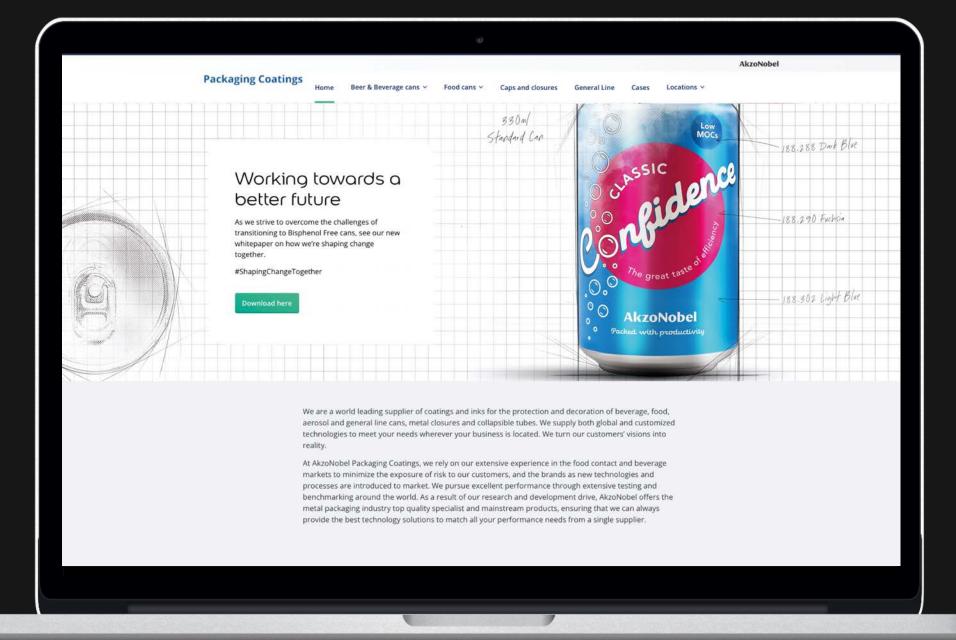
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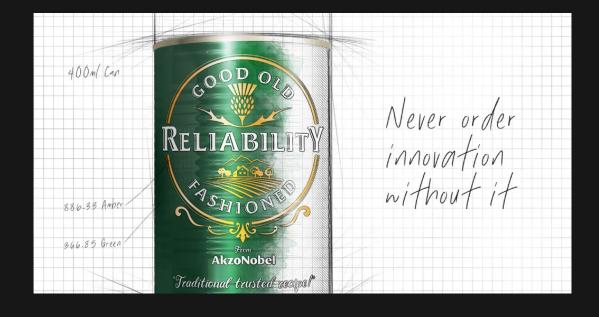
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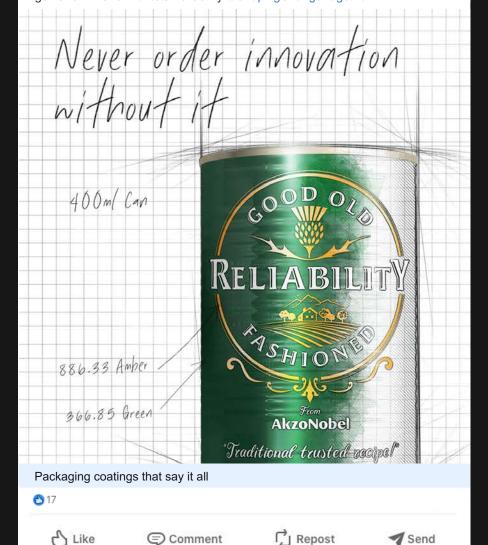
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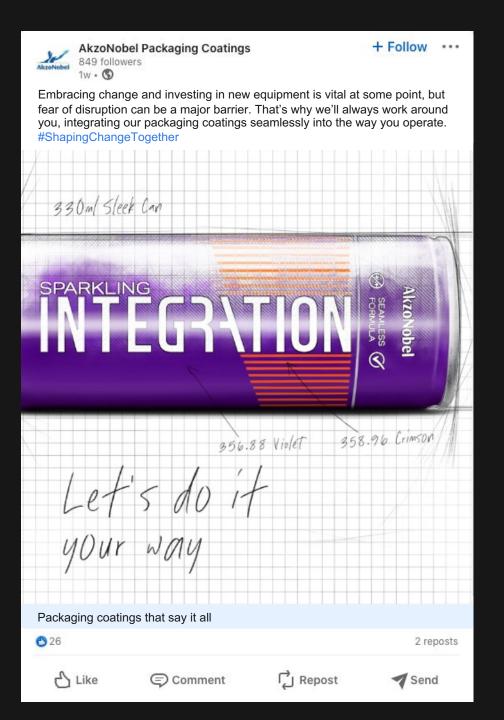


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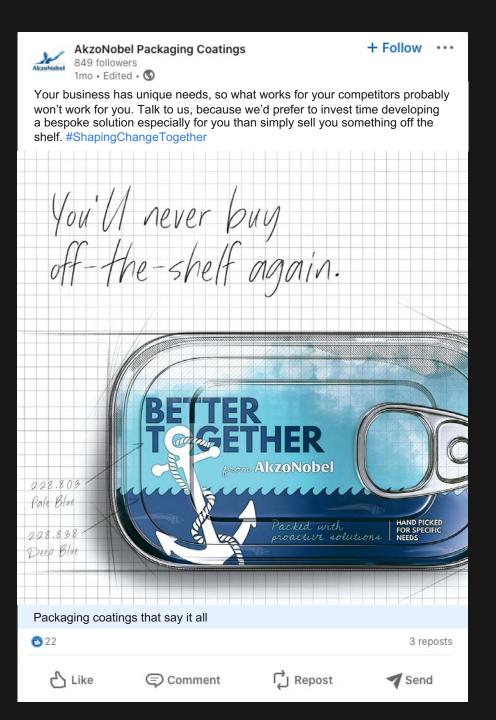


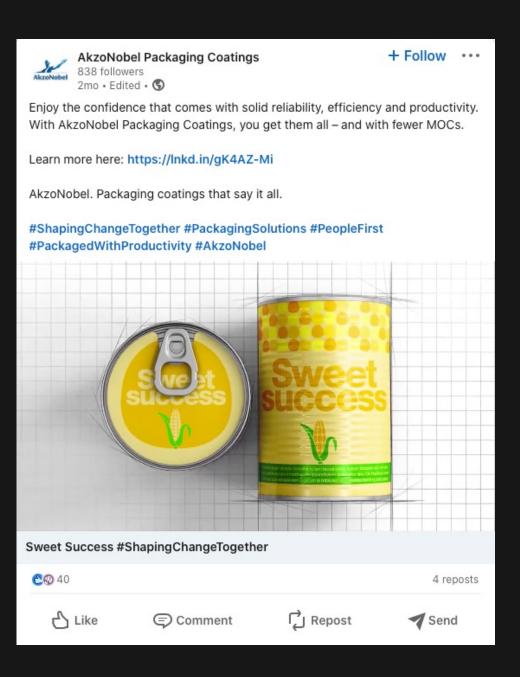












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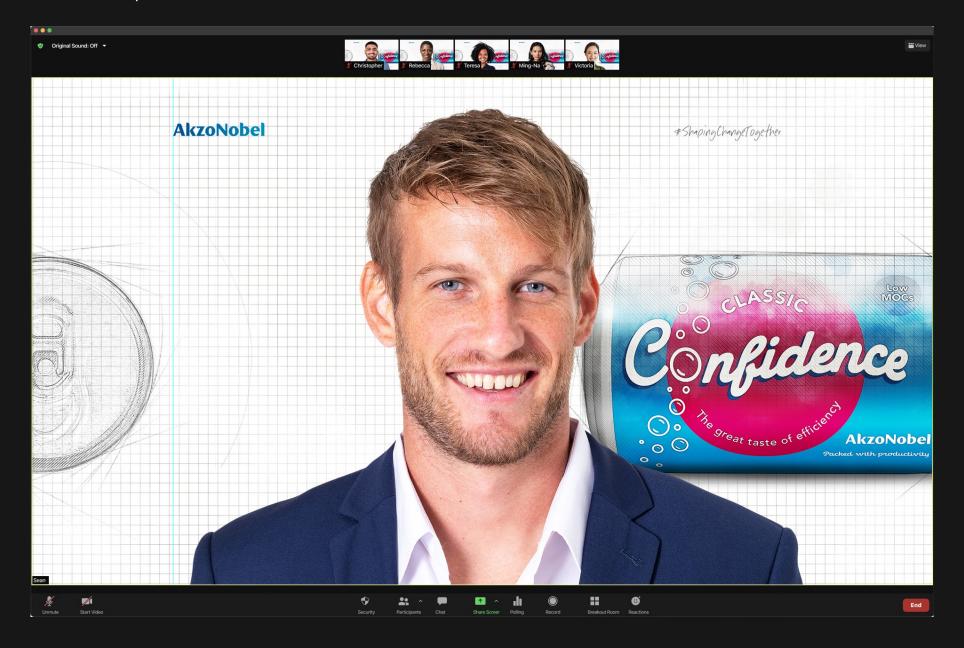
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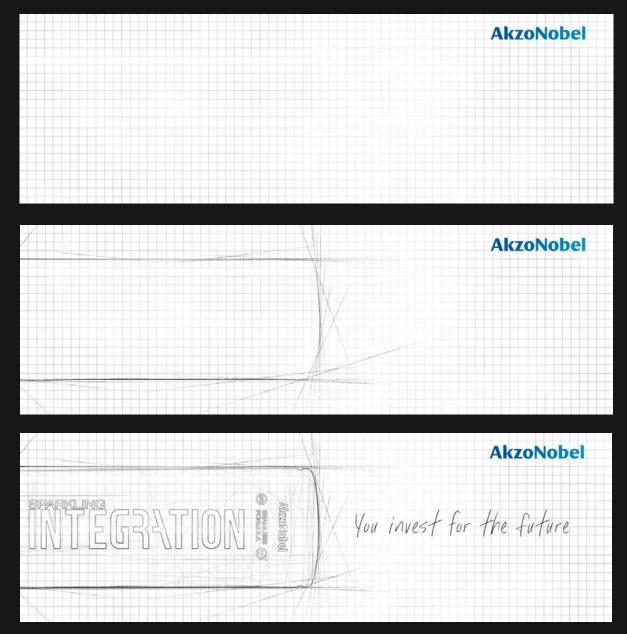
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