

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

To	Whom It May Concern
From	Technical Department, Retreeva Global a division of Klipspringer Ltd
Date	4 th April 2023
Re	Retreeva compliance with BRCGS Food Safety Issue 9
Issue Number	V4.1

Clause 4.9.6.2 of BRCGS Food Safety Issue 9 standard states:

"Portable handheld equipment, e.g. stationery items (pens, pencils etc.), mobile phones, tablets and similar portable items used in open product areas, shall be controlled by the site to minimise the risk of physical contamination. The site may consider, for example:

- *excluding non-approved items*
- *restricting the use to site-issued equipment*
- *ensuring stationery items such as pens are designed without small external parts and are detectable by foreign-body detection equipment, or are used in designated areas where contamination is prevented."*

For your assurance, I can confirm the Retreeva pen conforms with this requirement.

- Contains no small components such as metal springs.
- Has no hidden components likely to cause a foreign body concern.
- All components are either stainless steel or made from metal and x-ray detectable polymers thus complying with the phrase "be controlled by the site to minimise the risk of physical contamination".
- Is made from a shatter resistant, food contact approved polymer.
- Each box of Retreeva Global detectable pens contains a signed certificate of conformity, complete with batch number for traceability.

Prevention before detection

Retreeva Global consider that the primary aim is to prevent foreign body material from invading raw ingredient or finished product. Detection of contaminants by metal or x-ray detection equipment is therefore considered the second line of prevention. Retreeva pens deliver this by:

- Assembling each pen from the minimum number of component parts.
- Moulding with special polymer/material that reduces the risk of breakage or shatter. In the event that unusual force or pressure is inadvertently or deliberately applied to break or crush a pen, then small fragments (or shards) are not created or scattered uncontrolled.

For and behalf of Retreeva Global



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