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## **PFAS-Free and Recyclable Fast Food Packaging Paper by Koehler Paper: Grease-Resistant for Demanding Applications**

- **“Koehler NexPlus® OGR” packaging paper for burgers, french fries, sandwiches, and wraps**
- **Innovative barrier paper conserves resources and boosts circular economies**
- **Using recyclable paper creates a strong brand image**

**Oberkirch, Germany, 04/09/2026** – With “Koehler NexPlus® OGR,” Koehler Paper is introducing an innovative packaging paper solution that has been developed specifically for the needs of restaurant chains. This paper product is not just the ideal choice for burgers, french fries, wraps, and other fast food products, but is also highly grease-resistant and recyclable to boot – an important step on the road to greater sustainability. It is against this backdrop that visitors to the Koehler Group’s booth in Hall 8a at interpack 2026 got the chance to see the packaging paper for themselves and experience “Koehler NexPlus® OGR” at work in the flesh.

### **Recyclable paper packaging for a growing fast food industry**

The fast food industry is booming worldwide – and with it the need for sustainable packaging. That is exactly where “Koehler NexPlus® OGR” comes in: The paper product provides a powerful barrier against grease and oil without using any fluorochemicals. This makes it a sustainable and environmentally friendly alternative to the packaging paper used in the fast food industry to date. “With ‘Koehler NexPlus® OGR,’ we have created a packaging paper product for restaurant chains that meets all functional requirements and boosts circular economy practices, conserving valuable resources as a result. On top of that, using sustainable packaging solutions is a surefire way to strengthen a brand image, since it shows a genuine commitment to the environment and makes it clear that the corresponding company walks the walk when it comes to taking its responsibilities seriously” explains Christoph Wachter, the Director of Flexible Packaging Paper at Koehler Paper.

### **Sustainable packaging: Innovative paper solutions with ‘NexFlex®’ from Koehler Paper**

The research and development team from Koehler Innovation & Technology worked with the experts from Koehler Paper to develop the NexFlex® product range, a unique and recyclable generation of flexible packaging paper products. The aim here is to replace plastic in packaging by using so-called barrier paper wherever possible. The range covers a broad spectrum: It includes standard coated and uncoated paper used in laminates for pouches, sachets, and other applications, making them suitable for a wide range of packaging for food and non-food products. The next generation of paper for flexible packaging are sustainable barrier paper with functional surfaces for product-specific protection (Koehler NexPlus®). The NexFlex®

product family also includes paper coated on one side with good dimensional stability and high smoothness (Koehler NexCoat®), as well as uncoated paper with a natural appearance (Koehler NexPure®). Its recyclability has also been verified by the Papiertechnische Stiftung (PTS) institute with Capi testing.



*Figure: Koehler NexPlus® OGR combines performance and environmental friendliness to provide restaurant chains with a state-of-the-art solution that meets both customer expectations and regulatory requirements. Source: Koehler Group*



### **2030 Sustainability Strategy**

*With Koehler NexPlus® OGR, the Koehler Group is helping achieve sustainable development goals in the area of successful future-proof products and services.*

## About the Koehler Group

The Koehler Group was founded in 1807 and has been family-run from that moment to the present day. The group's core business activity lies in the development and production of high-quality specialty paper. This includes—among others—thermal paper, playing card board, beverage coasters, fine paper, carbon-less paper, recycled paper, decor paper, wood pulp board, sublimation paper, and also innovative specialty paper for the packaging industry. In Germany, the Koehler Group employs around 2,500 people across five production sites, with three additional sites in the USA. The group operates internationally, with an export share of around 70% in 2024, and brings in an annual turnover of around 1.1 billion euros.

As an energy-intensive company, Koehler invests in renewable energy projects such as wind energy, hydropower, photovoltaics, and biomass with its Koehler Renewable Energy business unit. The Koehler Group has set a goal of producing more energy from renewable sources by 2030 than is required for its paper production operations.

With its Koehler Innovative Solutions division, the Koehler Group is collaborating with start-ups to promote innovations in the core business segments “paper” and “renewable energy”.

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