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XXX. Conveyor Belts Made from Gutta-Percha and Balata

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There are no objections to the use of gutta-percha and/or balata in the manufacture of conveyor belts for foodstuffs, with which they will come into direct contact, provided the conveyor belts are suitable for their intended purpose¹ and comply with the following conditions:

1. The following raw materials may be used:
Purified gutta percha and/or balata
Natural rubber in the form of pale crepes
Chlorobutadiene rubber (polychloroprene).
The acetone extract from the natural rubber must not exceed 3.5 %, and the methanol extract from the chlorobutadiene rubber must not exceed 4.0 %.
2. The contact time of foodstuffs with the conveyor belt must not exceed one hour.

¹ Conveyor belts of gutta-percha or balata are not suitable for transporting fats and oils that would come into direct contact with the belt.