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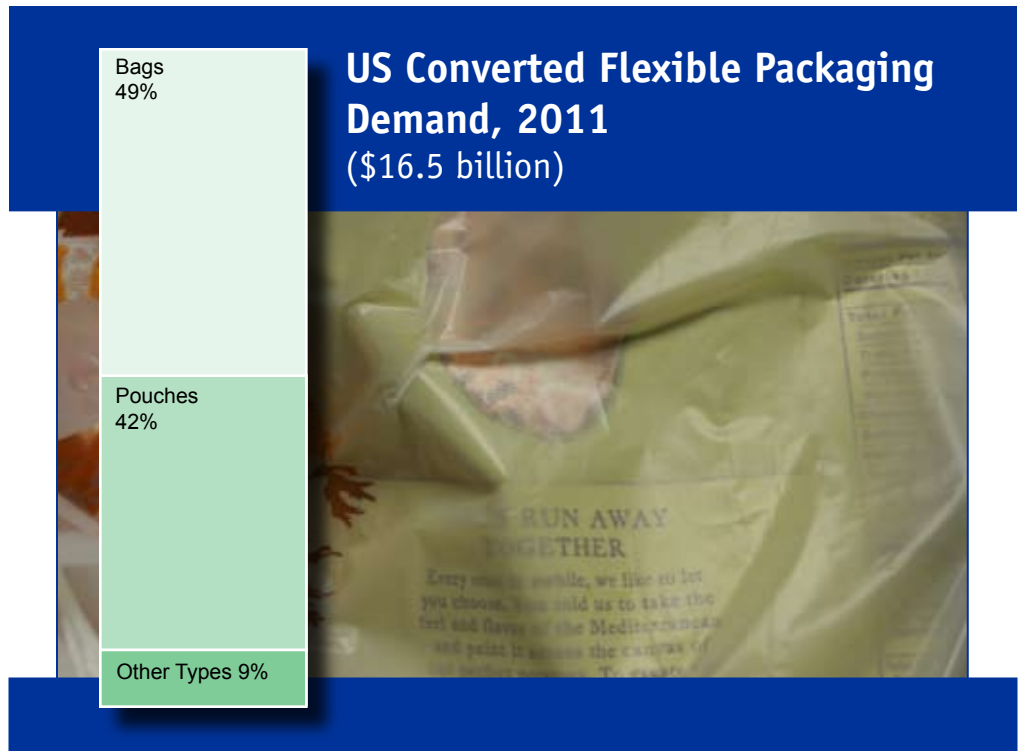
Value-added flexible packaging to enhance shelf life or product protection, and developments in breathable and self-venting films and resealable features, will help fuel gains in demand.

US demand to grow 4.2% annually through 2011

Demand for converted flexible packaging is forecast to expand 4.2 percent per year to \$16.5 billion in 2011. Growth will be attributable to cost, performance and source reduction advantages over most rigid packaging. Moreover, heightened barrier requirements in many markets will drive increased demand for value-added materials to enhance shelf life or product protection. Developments in breathable and self-venting films and resealable features will also fuel growth. Additionally, demographic changes such as more single-person households and older consumers will support demand for more convenient prepared foods and single-serving portions. This trend will boost material consumption as smaller packages tend to use more packaging relative to their size. Real growth will continue to be healthy, though value gains will decelerate from the 1996-2001 pace due to more moderate raw material price increases.

Pouches to grow the fastest

Among major converted flexible packaging types, pouches will log the fastest advances, with demand expected to grow 5.9 percent per annum to \$6.9 billion in 2011. Solid prospects will be driven by continued expansion of the stand-up pouch segment and healthy gains for flat pouches in certain markets. In addition, process enhancements such as faster line speeds and the increasing incorporation of such value-added



features and properties as spouts, zippers, retortability and microwaveability will further boost prospects for pouches. Bags will post more moderate growth based on the maturity of many applications along with loss of share for paper bags to plastic bags and sacks, and pouches. Food applications will outpace the bag average, benefitting from ongoing widespread usage with produce and meat products. Overall gains for other converted flexible packaging, primarily wrap products, will be nearly in line with the industry average, and solid outlooks for specialty overwraps for meat products and ream wrap for office and consumer copy paper key will be stimulants.

Plastic film to advance at above-average rate

Consumption of primary materials is projected to advance 1.6 percent annually to 8.2 billion pounds in 2011. Plastic film will experience above-average volume growth based on performance and weight reduction advantages over other flexible (i.e., paper and foil) and rigid materials. Though paper demand will decline modestly, usage in laminations with film and foil will provide opportunities. Foils will maintain niche applications, especially where moisture and other barrier properties are mandated, along with excellent aesthetics.

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FOOD PACKAGING

Converted Flexible Packaging Demand

Demand for converted flexible packaging in snack food applications is projected to expand... Advances will be fueled by expanded offerings of snack both for increased convenience and revenue growth for quick cash. Small bags of chips as side items. Single-serving sized products relative to their volume than standard-sized products. Although the growth of club stores will boost demand for larger containers, this will be more than offset by the growth in single-serving snacks. Demand will also be driven by greater use of higher value packaging or unique packaging chosen for increased marketing appeal.

Moderating gains will be market maturity and intensified competition from other snack foods (e.g., granola bars) and convenience foods, such as fresh-cut fruit, yogurt and pre-cut cheese, that are increasingly marketed as healthier snacking options. Heightened competition from rigid packaging alternatives will also hold down gains somewhat. Rigid alternatives include traditional containers such as composite cans, as well as plastic cups and canisters with snap-on overcaps, which offer better product protection against breakage and are designed to fit in most vehicle cup holders. The canisters also generally meet demand for single-serving convenience without spilling and can differentiate products.

Pouch packaging, primarily pillow types, dominates sizable snack food markets such as potato and tortilla chips, meat snacks, pretzels and microwave popcorn. Opportunities for pouches will be aided by continuing new product introductions, including baked and other reduced fat potato chips, organic chips, and nontraditionally flavored chips. In addition, the expansion of the Hispanic population in the US and the increasing

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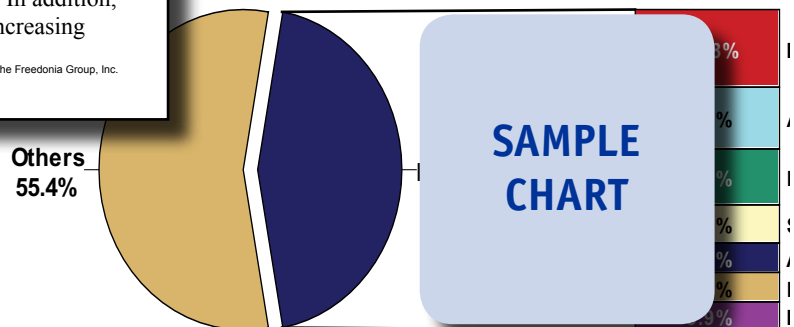
PHARMACEUTICALS: CONVERTED FLEXIBLE PACKAGING DEMAND BY MATERIAL (million pounds)

Item	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016
Pharmaceutical Shpts (bil 2000\$) lbs pkg/000\$ pharmaceuticals	100				20.0
Pharmaceutical Flex Pkg Demand					35
Plastic Film:					33
Polyethylene					23
Polyvinyl Chloride					4
Other Films					6
Paper					46
Aluminum Foil					26

**SAMPLE
TABLE**

CHART VII-1

CONVERTED FLEXIBLE PACKAGING MARKET SHARE, 2006 (\$13.4 billion)



**SAMPLE
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Sample Profile, Table & Forecast

COMPANY PROFILES

Coating Excellence International LLC

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 Wrightstown, WI 54180
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<http://www.coating-excellence.com>

Annual Sales (2007) \$100 million (10/07)
 Employees 100

Key Products: Ream wraps, pouches, wraps and woven bags

Coating Excellence is a manufacturer of converted flexible packaging. The Company manufactures flexible packaging for food, pharmaceutical and release packaging markets.

The Company participates in the US converted flexible packaging industry through the manufacture of ream wrap, films, laminations, pouches, wraps, and woven bags. Coating Excellence's ream wrap features eight color flexographic printing. This product is manufactured and marketed under the KRYSTALICE WRAP, SHARKSKIN and TIDAL brand names. Specifically, KRYSTALICE WRAP is a heat-sealable packaging that features durability, clarity and machinability. The Company's ream wrap products also feature CLEANSTRIP easy-open technology.

Coating Excellence has extrusion capabilities that include coated and uncoated films, film-to-film laminations, coated foils, foil-to-film laminations, and foil-to-paper laminations. These products offer clear surfaces for printing, in addition to optimal bond strength and durability. The Company converts films and laminations into packaging for the



TABLE III-3

POLYETHYLENE FILM DEMAND IN CONVERTED FLEXIBLE PACKAGING BY TYPE & MARKET (million pounds)

Item	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016
Consumer Nondurables (bil 2000\$)	1680	1987	2338	2660	3030
lbs film/000\$ nondurables	1.55	1.48	1.42	1.39	1.36
PE Film Demand in Flexible Pkg	2610	3010	3310	3705	4120
By Type:					
Low Density Polyethylene					5
Linear Low Density PE					5
Conventional LDPE					0
High Density Polyethylene					5
By Market:					
Food					5
Nonfood					5
% polyethylene Plastic Film in Converted Flex Pkg					9



"Food Packaging: Polyethylene film demand in converted flexible food packaging is projected to expand 2.4 percent per year to 2.3 billion pounds in 2011 based on continued widespread use in diverse food markets such as baked goods, snacks, meat and produce packaging. Gains will also be attributable to polyethylene's good barrier properties and low cost compared to other films and paper, as well as ..."

--Section III, pg. 53

OTHER STUDIES

Labels

US label shipments will grow 5.1% annually through 2011. Best opportunities are anticipated for the dominant pressure sensitive segment. However, stretch sleeve and heat shrink labels will grow the fastest. Paper will remain the largest stock material but will continue losing market share to plastic. This study analyzes the \$14.3 billion US label industry, with forecasts for 2011 and 2016 by material, application method, printing technology and function. It also details market share and profiles leading producers.
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Stretch & Shrink Film

US stretch and shrink film demand will grow 4.7% annually through 2011, driven in part by retail trends favoring shrink-wrapped multipacks and pallet wrap. Stretch and shrink film will grow at a similar pace, with stretch film remaining the larger segment. The dominant resin, LDPE, offers the best growth opportunities. This study analyzes the \$3.7 billion US stretch and shrink film industry, with forecasts for 2011 and 2016 by type, market and resin. It also evaluates market share and profiles major players.
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Flexible Bulk Packaging

US demand for flexible bulk packaging will grow 3.4% yearly through 2011. Film wrap, plastic strapping and plastic shipping sacks will lead gains. Plastic such as polyethylene will remain the dominant material, with the limiting effect of downgauging softened by new applications and further inroads on paper sacks. This study analyzes the \$6.1 billion US flexible bulk packaging industry, with forecasts for 2011 and 2016 by material, product and market. It also details market share and profiles major players.
 #2238 09/2007..... \$4500

Food Containers: Rigid & Flexible

US food container demand will reach \$23.5 billion in 2011. Growth trends include heightened demand for more convenient foods and a shift toward value-added packaging. Plastic containers, and bags and pouches will log the fastest growth. Meat and dairy products and frozen specialties will lead gains by market. This study analyzes the 263 billion unit US food container industry, with forecasts given for 2011 and 2016 by product and market. It also evaluates company market share and profiles major players.
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World Labels

The global label market will grow 5.5% annually through 2011, driven by the diffusion of advanced logistics in developing areas and the development and penetration of smart radio frequency and value-added labels. The best gains will occur in emerging economies. This study analyzes the \$67 billion world label industry, with forecasts for 2011 and 2016 by label material, application method, printing technology, world region and for 21 major countries. It also evaluates market share and profiles major players.
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