

Mizkan America, Inc.

Job Title: Packaging Engineer

Based in Mount Prospect, IL, Mizkan America is a subsidiary of the Mizkan Group, a global, family-owned company that has been Bringing Flavor to Life™ for over 220 years. As one of the leading makers of vinegars, condiments and sauces in the United States, Mizkan America maintains 12 manufacturing facilities that serve the retail, foodservice, specialty-Asian and food-ingredient trade channels. We are committed to following our two core principles: continuously challenging the status quo and delivering only the finest products for our customers. Our leadership seeks out, embraces and implements ideas for improvement from all of its employees. Transparency and accountability are two key factors that drive our company's overall management approach.

We are looking for people who are seeking to deliver their best so that we can deliver ours. Above all, we're dedicated to maximizing the potential of our greatest assets—our team members.

SUMMARY: The Packaging Engineer is responsible for packaging design development, innovation, renovation and cost saving initiatives specifically working on primary, secondary materials and design formats. Must work with all cross functional teams / areas to improve margins, product quality performance and adherence to packaging specifications. Strong Computer Literacy skills. Excellent Power Point presentation skills; Proficient in MS project and familiarity with palletizing software.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- As a key member of the Packaging team, the individual is responsible for packaging design development, testing and commercialization for Meal's solutions (SAUCE) and Flavor Enhancers (VINEGAR) products.
- As a Packaging Engineer reporting to Packaging Manger, you are responsible for successfully leading design development and commercialization activities on assigned PKG projects.
- Lead and present technical design review with cross functional partners.
- Responsible for leading coordinating and successfully executing plant trials at Mizkan factories.
- Responsible for creating, issuing, and owning accurate packaging specifications.
- Responsible for presenting and providing technical updates during commercial project team meetings.
- Manages multiple projects simultaneously, ensuring adherence to commercial timelines.

- Responsible for collaborating with cross functional teams on project related challenges etc.
- Builds and leverage knowledge of packaging materials and processes to advise team on packaging options and processes as required.
- Work as a cross facility team member with other teams, locations and corporate.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree in Packaging Engineering or Polymer Science
- 3-5 years of experience required.
- Knowledge and understanding of packaging Equipment, materials (Glass, PET and corrugate), PKG Testing procedures protocols is required.
- Familiar with TOPS or CAPS palletizing software.
- Effective communication skills, organizational, problem solving and analytical skills.
- Good interpersonal skills with the ability to work effectively with individuals and groups at all levels of the organization.
- Strong Computer Literacy skills. Excellent Power Point presentation skills; Proficient in MS project.
- Demonstrated strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills.
- Ability to travel up to 40%.
- Willingness and flexibility to adapt to changing business needs and deadlines.
- Exhibits a professional businesslike appearance and demeanor.