

## “Smell in the refrigerator” - General information

We have received information from our refrigerator works which we would like to pass on to you.

Our appliances contain plastics which comply with the law on foods and commodities. When the appliances are dispatched, they may have a smell typical of plastic which goes away in time after the appliance has been used.

If there is a complaint after a prolonged period of use, it cannot, in principle, mean that bad smells or taste originate from the appliance itself. Any replacement of the appliance at the expense of the works should therefore be excluded.

### Possible causes of bad smells or taste:

#### 1. The appliance has been switched off and the door(s) closed.

Note: If the appliance is turned off for a prolonged period (e.g. during annual holidays) or not cleaned or only cleaned in parts and the door(s) is(are) kept closed, a “musty smell” develops in the appliance.

Information in the instructions for use:

Switch off, shut down appliance - When the appliance is not used for a lengthy period, switch it off, defrost the freezer compartment (if installed), clean entire appliance, keep all doors open.

*Remedy:*

Thoroughly clean and air appliance. After switching it on, the smell should no longer be detectable in the cold appliance.

#### 2. Food has been stored in the appliance open (unpacked)

Note: The storage of sprayed citrus fruits is especially critical as, depending on the chemicals they have been treated with, they can give off a “chemical” smell in the entire interior of the appliance which, in the

worst case, goes into the plastic and results in changes in the taste of other foods which are not packed air-tight.

If at all possible store food in packing or well covered.

Naturally, there are other products which can give off smells which go into the plastic, e.g.:

- Items giving off alcohol vapours (not sealed tight)
- Nail varnish (is said to be easier to apply when cooled)
- Rotten fruit
- etc.....

*Remedy:*

Clean appliance thoroughly (possibly with water with vinegar in it) and leave to air for a while. After switching the appliance on, the smell goes away in the cold appliance. With stubborn smells, repeat cleaning procedure after some time. Then clean the appliance once a month with normal washing-up liquid as recommended in the instructions for use.