Current Customer Information on the Classification of PFAS

PFAS is an abbreviation for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are widely used in industrial processes due to their water-, grease-, and dirt-repellent properties. This group of substances comprises more than 10,000 different compounds. PFAS do not occur naturally and have only been manufactured since the late 1940s. Chemically speaking, these organic compounds consist of carbon chains of varying lengths in which the hydrogen atoms are completely (perfluorinated) or partially (polyfluorinated) replaced by fluorine atoms. The most commonly used compounds are perfluorinated carboxylic and sulfonic acids, as well as their precursor compounds. Precursor compounds are substances that can be broken down into these persistent perfluorinated substances.

At the European level, a potential restriction on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) is currently being considered under the REACH Regulation. We are closely monitoring this process and would like to inform you of the current status regarding our products:

- **Our Own Products:** Based on our current knowledge, we do not intentionally use PFAS (including PFOS) as raw materials, auxiliary materials, or additives in the manufacture and further processing of our own products.

  Individual items we sell may contain components made of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) or other fluoropolymers. According to the current definition, these are classified as part of the PFAS group of substances.

- **Testing Procedure:** Our statement is based on the current information provided by our suppliers. We do not conduct a comprehensive analytical test of our products for all substances in this very extensive group of substances. We generally cannot completely rule out technically unavoidable or ubiquitous traces.

- **Outlook:** Since the European review process is still ongoing, it is not yet clear which substances or applications will be regulated in the future. Should the process result in changes affecting our products, we will update this information immediately.

Important Note: This statement applies exclusively to products in their as-delivered condition. It remains your responsibility as a customer to verify whether the products are suitable for your specific intended use and comply with all legal requirements for the end product.

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