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Statement concerning “PFAS” regulations

Dear Valued Customer,

we at Polymer Hose Division Europe Division (PHDE) are aware of the restriction proposal for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) under the REACH Regulation.

As a responsible company, we have taken steps to identify and mitigate the risks associated with PFAS in our products, and we are committed to work with our suppliers and customers to ensure that our products comply with all applicable regulations and standards.

We hereby confirm that PHDE products do not contain PFAS that are actually specified in the REACH - SVHC-list.

Like in almost all hydraulic components some PHDE products contain FKM or PTFE like hoses , seals and/ or PTFE back rings. There are actually neither restriction on these so-called “polymers of low concern” group of PFAS nore reporting duties.

Sharing data of which products contain which PFAS with their CAS numbers and mass % is not justified until the decision is made from the EU to keep or to exempt this group of PFAS in the REACH Regulation after the public consultation phase.

PHDE is following the recommendation of the VDMA and Assogomma (see enclosed communication) to actively support the ongoing consultation. Once decisions are made and the timeline of use is defined appropriate replacement materials will be planned.

Yours sincerely

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PFAS in rubber articles

As far as PFASs are concerned, in order to answer the numerous requests for clarification, we inform all rubber industries and their customers that we are not aware of any restrictive measure - either at national or European level - that conditions or restricts the use of fluoroelastomers or fluoropolymers.

The dossier recently submitted to ECHA by some Member States on PFAS has been subject to a public consultation, that ended on September 25th, with over 5,000 responses and/or comments from the various stakeholders, which will be examined by ECHA's Technical Committees. Subsequently, they are expected to produce a proposal to be submitted to the European Commission, but at present it is not excluded that this restriction proposal could be drastically resized or even withdrawn. Therefore a long legislative process is ahead, which has not yet begun and will take a long time (years).

Moreover, the proposal drawn up by the Member States has already been challenged by their lead Country, Germany. In fact, the German government recently announced that it would not support such a broad restriction.

Moreover, authorities in other countries, such as the UK, have already provided for the explicit exclusion of fluoroelastomers and fluoropolymers in general from any future restriction on PFAS. This is exactly what has been requested by Assogomma on behalf of the entire Italian Rubber Industry.

The possible restriction mentioned above should not be confused with other restrictions, which are currently being implemented, concerning only some specific fluorinated substances such as undecafluorohexanoic acid, its salts and derivatives (PFHxA) that have nothing to do with current fluoroelastomers and, more generally, with fluoropolymers used in the manufacture of rubber articles.

In conclusion, there are currently no restrictions on the use of fluoroelastomer and/or fluoropolymer products, nor are there any studies claiming that they are dangerous.

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