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## Customer information on the use of PFAS in HUMMEL AG products

Since 2009, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its derivatives (PFOS) have been included in the international Stockholm Convention in order to prevent their use. PFOS has already been banned in the EU for more than 10 years under the EU Regulation on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

The Stockholm Convention also regulates the global elimination of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and compounds related to PFOA. PFOA has been banned under the POPs Regulation since July 4, 2020.

In June 2022, the parties to the Stockholm Convention decided to include PFHxS, its salts and related compounds in the treaty. In May 2023, the Commission included the substance group in the EU POPs Regulation, which came into force on August 28, 2023.

In addition, a number of PFAS are on the REACH candidate list of substances of very high concern (SVHC), e.g. PFOA, perfluorinated carboxylic acids (C9-14 PFCAs) and PFHxS.

This means that some of the PFAS substances are already covered by regulation, but there is no general ban on PFAS within the EU. We can therefore currently only refer to the EU regulations, which enables us to obtain information within the supply chain.

All other international PFAS regulations, such as those of the EPA or the US state of Maine, cannot be taken into account.

Therefore we would like to inform you today

We would therefore like to inform you today to what extent the products manufactured by HUMMEL AG are affected according to the information currently available to us, and what measures we are taking in connection with issues relating to PFAS.

- For information on POP and REACH substances, please refer to our information on the website
- Cable gland and circular connector variants and their accessories contain housing and/or sealing components made of or coated with the fluoropolymers PVDF, FPM/FKM and PTFE. Due to the materials used, it can be assumed that these are contaminated with PFAS that are not currently banned or subject to declaration.
- According to current knowledge, insulating bodies made of PBT contain up to 5% PTFE. Due to the materials used, it can be assumed that they are contaminated with PFAS that are not currently banned or subject to declaration.
- We are in close contact with the suppliers of the raw materials and/or products concerned to clarify whether and how PFAS-free products could be achieved.
- At the same time, we are keeping a close eye on the further development of the PFAS restriction proposal on the regulatory side and are trying to make a contribution with the options available to us.

If you have any further questions about the PFAS restriction ban, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards

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