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TO CUSTOMERS OF VITESCO TECHNOLOGIES

**VITESCO TECHNOLOGIES
AFTERMARKET**

INDEPENDENT AFTERMARKET

Email: TC@vitesco.com

INFORMATION LETTER: CHROMIUM (VI)

Dear customer,

Vitesco Technologies was informed by its supplier
WEICON GmbH & Co. KG
Königsberger Str. 255
48157 Münster
Germany

that the use of its anti-seize assembly paste on chromium-nickel steel may under certain circumstances lead to the creation of Chromium (VI). This follows from a potential chemical reaction after delivery through the exposition of the paste to ambient temperatures above 400°C. The Chromium (VI) will only emerge in an isolated area at the immediate contact layer between the anti-seize paste and the base material and to a minimal extent.

The paste is used in products of various companies. In our product lines, the anti-seize paste is used in NOx sensors and high temperature sensors.

We are not aware of cases of health complaints or environmental problems associated with this issue. Nonetheless, Vitesco Technologies has immediately started a thorough and precautionary investigation.

According to the preliminary results, the amount of Chromium (VI) which might emerge is well below the restriction and reporting limits permitted by DIRECTIVE 2000/53/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of September 18, 2000 on end-of-life vehicles and of the Global Automotive Declarable Substance List GADSL.

As a matter of precaution and in order to protect employees who might be in dermatological contact with affected components, specific protective measures such as the wearing of protective gloves may nevertheless be recommended. We would therefore like to draw your attention to the situation with this letter so that you are able to initiate protective measures for potentially affected employees where this might be necessary.

Date

04/12/2023

Date of your message

Our reference

Your reference

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In the attachment we will send you the corresponding safety data sheet of the company WEICON for your own assessment.

We are working on a further analysis of the situation and on a precautionary potential substitute for the anti-seize paste with a changed formulation.

As soon as we have new relevant findings on the topic described, we will inform you in a further letter. If you have any questions about the topic, please feel free to contact us via our email address TC@vitesco.com.

With kind regards,



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