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Statement: Fluoropolymers & PFAS Legislation

Dear Valued Customer,

Wyatt Seal, Inc. is monitoring the development of legislation concerning Fluoropolymers and PFAS, and we are working with our supply chain to understand the short-term and long-term effects on seal technologies distributed by us to various industries. This legislation extends to materials including, but not limited to: FKM, FFKM, PTFE, fluorosilicone, and aflas seals, as well as internally lubed o-rings. These materials are vital to seals serving a broad range of industries including transportation, medical, construction, oil and gas, and everyday usage; furthermore, they comprise over 50% of our inventory sealing product line.

Currently, these products do not have an equivalent replacement on the market. The legislation as proposed by the European Union (REACH) would go live in March 2024 with a 12-year exemption for some of these materials that are used in oil & gas, medical devices, and with possible exemptions allowed in safety performances of cars and trucks. All other exemptions would be denied for fluoropolymers in any other applications with no exemptions for fluorosilicone. The timeline for all PFAS banned in the REACH directive would be the year 2030.

The state of Maine has recently enacted laws concerning PFAS on January 1, 2023, with other states looking to follow their initiative. There are two primary concerns with the enacted law: unintentional presence and structure for reporting. PFAS are increasingly found in water sources and raw material before manufacturers begin formulation of compounds for seal technologies; this unintentional presence of PFAS is difficult to measure and calculate in final product as outlined in the legislation. Manufacturers also do not have the structure to report PFAS in their product to the state of Maine as it has not been constructed to gather this information.

Wyatt Seal, Inc. is continuing to collaborate with our supply chain regarding the development of this legislation abroad and domestically to better understand the impact for our customers. As it stands, the materials listed in paragraph one, and others, would contain PFAS over the proposed limit of parts per million as outlined in the legislation.

Sincerely,

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