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To whom it may concern

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**VAT Statement on the use of hazardous substances**

Dear Customer

VAT, as a global leader in high quality vacuum valves, is committed to environmentally responsible management of our manufacturing facilities and product offerings. As an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 registered company, VAT maintains controlled business-, design-, manufacturing-, and purchasing processes to competitively service our world-wide customer base.

Considering the use of hazardous substances within our products, we like to inform, that VAT is not intentionally using any substances which be opposed to the compliance of our products to the following international regulations and directives:

- (A) Swiss Ordinance on the Reduction of Risks related to Chemical Products, Chem RRV; SR 814.81 (<http://www.admin.ch>) and European Council Directive 7617691EEC (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/enl/index.htm>) relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations
  - a. All Member States are required to take all necessary measures to ensure that the dangerous substances and preparations listed in the Annex may only be placed on the market or used subject to the conditions specified therein.
- (B) Directive 20111651EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS)
  - a. All components and their homogenous sub-components of our products are in compliance with the international RoHS requirements for all 6 (six) substances.
  - b. This declaration does not extend to, or apply to any product subjected to unintended contamination, misuse, neglect, accident, improper installation or nonobservance of instructions furnished by VAT.
- (C) On 4 June 2015, the European Union published an amendment to Annex II of the RoHS Directive 2011165 / EU. The Commission has adopted and published the inclusion of four additional substances in the delegated Directive 20151863. These substances are indicated as follows:
  - Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (0,1 %)
  - Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP) (0,1%)
  - Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (0,1 %)
  - Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (0,1 %)

In the current publication, the member States are invited to bring the new regulation into force by 22 June 2019.

For this reason, we are already working to review our affected product portfolio with our suppliers in order to ensure compliance with the new Directive 20151863 by 22 June 2019 at the latest.

- (D) Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)
- a. REACH requires producers of articles to register any substances contained in their products, if those substances are intended to be released during use. However there is no intended release of substances from our products during use.
  - b. For products which contain substances listed on the Candidate List of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC, [http://echa.europa.eu/chem\\_data/candidate\\_list\\_table\\_en.asp](http://echa.europa.eu/chem_data/candidate_list_table_en.asp)) in a concentration above 0.1% (w/w), VAT will provide all sufficient information, available to us, to relevant customers.

VAT will review the given regulations and directives on a regular base and will take all required actions to ensure a continuous compliance of our products.

Please feel free to contact the author of this letter with any further concerns or questions on any matters regarding the use of hazardous substances.



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