



Declaration of Conformity in the sense of Regulation (EU) No. 2019/1021 (POP Regulation)

Dear customers,

Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) are organic substances that, when released, remain in the environment for long periods of time, accumulate in living organisms, and pose a threat to our health and the environment. They can be transported long distances by air, water, or migratory species and reach regions where they have never been produced or used. This requires international risk management because the risks associated with these substances cannot be managed by any region alone.

Production and use of certain POP substances are regulated worldwide by the Stockholm Convention and the Aarhus Protocol. This legislation is implemented in the European Union by the POPs Regulation.

The POPs Regulation aims to protect human health and the environment with specific control measures:

- Ban or severely restrict the production, marketing and use of POPs.
- Minimize the environmental release of POPs generated as industrial by-products
- Ensuring that stocks of restricted POPs are safely managed
- Dispose of waste consisting of or contaminated by POPs in an environmentally sound manner.

Chemicals identified as POPs include:

- Pesticides (such as DDT)
- Industrial chemicals (such as polychlorinated biphenyls, which were widely used in electrical equipment)
- Unintentional byproducts generated by industrial processes, decomposition, or incineration (such as dioxins and furans).

In order to be able to guarantee the legal conformity of the raw materials and supplies delivered to us within the framework of the POPs Regulation, and to take into account its responsibility to protect health and the environment, our company is in close contact with its suppliers, requires them to continuously check for the absence of the currently banned POP substances, and demands that they inform us immediately as soon as hazardous ingredients become known in the products supplied to us. We also ensure that our plastic waste is recycled and disposed of in an environmentally sound manner.

Similarly, we undertake to inform you immediately if we become aware of POP compounds in the products supplied to you and to replace the substances concerned as quickly as possible with substances not prohibited under the Ordinance.

According to the information currently available to us, our products do not contain any hazardous substances pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 2019/1021 (POP Regulation).

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