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Declaration on Brominated Flame Retardants

Dear Customer,

ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) has released its Regulatory Strategy for Flame Retardants, identifying aromatic brominated flame retardants as candidates for an EU-wide restriction (<u>Link</u>).

The main classes of BFRs include PBBs, PBDEs, hexabromocyclododecanes (HBCDs) and tetrabromobisphenol A (TBBPA). For regulated (poly)-brominated substances according to REACH, RoHS and POP, we refer to our website www.beckhoff.com/material-compliance where Beckhoff Automation provides compliance declarations confirming that our products comply with the relevant legal provisions.

A special status among the BFRs is given to DBDPE. This substance is widely used as an alternative for PBDEs. DBDPE is not prohibited for manufacturing, use, sale or import of products containing DBDPE. As we know, DBDPE is listed in the draft of *Canadians Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations*, 2022 (Link). In future, specific exemptions for parts used in electrical and electronic sectors are expected for products containing DBDPE. However, we will continue to monitor further developments and react to regulatory changes regarding DBDPE.

Best regards

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