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Classification Change for lead containing products

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Dear customers,

1st of March 2018, the amendment to the Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/1179 as published in the Official Journal of the European Union 19th of July 2016 on the classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures, shall enter into force.

This amendment is a substantial adaptation of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 and deals with a harmonized classification and labeling of certain substances on the basis of the opinion of the ECHA Risk Assessment Committee.

This results in a changed labeling requirement for all lead containing solder products (such as solder wires) with more than 0.3% of lead in massive form, as lead is classified as toxic to reproduction.

With a particle size of 1 mm or less (e.g. solder paste), the value of the concentration limit is only 0.03%. The corresponding Hazard Statements would then have to be:

- H360F/D Suspected of damaging fertility. Suspected of damaging the unborn child
- H362 May cause harm to breast-fed children

The transitional period granted for the labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures to be adapted to the new classification and for existing stocks to be sold is expected to end on 28.02.2018, according to information from 'Bundesanstalt für Arbeitsschutz und Arbeitsmedizin'.

Currently there is no legal lead classification, so we are in contact with various suppliers and authorities to check the final classification of lead containing alloys.

We will inform you immediately about the progress of the effort

Please note that further communication will only take place via our homepage: www.stannol.de/legislation

Best regards,

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