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Dear Sirs,

EU REACH Restricted Substances (Annex XVII) for UK manufactured Fluon[®] PTFE Micropowder grades.

I am pleased to confirm that none of the 71 substances restricted under EU REACH (included in Annex XVII; most recently updated on 10th February 2022) are used in the manufacture of the above Fluon[®] products supplied by AGC Chemicals Europe, Ltd.

I note entry 68 referring to C9-C14 linear and/or branched perfluorocarboxylic acids (C9-C14 PFCAs), their salts and C9-C14 PFCAs-related substances. These C9-C14 PFCAs are generated as by-products during the manufacturing process. The restriction for the C9-C14 PFCAs does not take effect until 25th February 2023 and furthermore, these grades are further derogated until 25th August 2024 if the sum of the C9-C14 PFCAs is below 1000 ppb. I can confirm that from AGCCE's analysis, the sum of the C9-C14 PFCAs is below 1000 ppb.

Fluon[®] PTFE micropowder grades that have not undergone additional processing at AGCCE, will not be compliant with the PFOA restriction due to take effect from the 4th July 2022 and hence will be withdrawn from sale by AGCCE before this date. Please discuss with your AGCCE sales representative about the replacement products; AGCCE has a range of Fluon[®] PTFE micropowder Z-grades that are compliant with the PFOA and C9-C14 limits.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Martyn Shenton
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