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## **PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) declaration**

Dear Valued Customer,

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large class of thousands of synthetic chemicals that are used throughout society. However, they are increasingly detected as environmental pollutants, and some are linked to negative effects on human health.

The European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) published details of a proposed ban on the production, use, sale and import of some 10,000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). [Perfluorocarboxylic acids \(C9-14 PFCAs\), their salts and related substances](#) have been restricted in the EU/EEA since February 2023 and are on the REACH Candidate List of substances of very high concern (SVHC).

Prior to that, in June 2019, January 2020 and January 2023, three groups of PFAS were identified as SVHCs.

These groups are:

- 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-(heptafluoropropoxy)propionic acid, its salts and its acyl halides (HFPO-DA),
- perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) and its salts; and
- perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) and its salts.

Hydro Extrusion South:

- Avintes in Portugal
- Feltre & Ornago in Italy
- La Roca, La Selva & Navarra in Spain
- Albi, Chateauroux, Puget, Lucé in France

produces semi-finished aluminium products with or without surface treatment.

As part of our due diligence and audit process, we request declaration of conformities from chemical suppliers to ensure their products are PFAS free. This comprises anodizing, powder coating and wet painting processes. Following this good faith diligent inquiry, we do not have any reason to believe that our surface treated aluminium profiles contain PFAS.

For, aluminum products, produced without surface treatment, we can safely say that these do not contain PFAS.

However, this declaration does not cover future surface treatments nor products where the client themselves specify PFAS coatings.

The absence of PFAS has not been checked by tests so this does not exclude the presence of negligibly slight traces due to, amongst others, impurities in the components supplied by external parties and used in the production of such components.

We hope this information is helpful to you. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these issues further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely, *on behalf of HYDRO EXTRUSION SOUTH*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Villanueva', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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