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## Statement on Per- and Polyfluorinated Alkyl Compounds (PFAS)

Dear Customer,

per- and polyfluorinated alkyl compounds are a group of substances comprising more than 10 000 compounds.

In European law, some of these compounds are regulated in REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (SVHC Candidate List and Annex XVII) and POP Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 (Annex I). Regulated PFAS can be found in the corresponding annexes.

Based on our supplier data, no substances listed in the above regulations are found in our articles above their respective threshold limit

Following an evaluation of the Hirschmann product portfolio in view of the planned far-reaching EU restriction on PFAS, we were able to establish that many of the sealing elements used, e.g. o-rings, are based on FKM (fluorine rubber). Likewise, some electronic components contain fluoropolymers.

Hirschmann Automation and Control GmbH is aware of its responsibility to protect the environment and human health. Therefore, we have always kept on tracking the above-mentioned regulations for updates of new prohibited or restricted substances.

With regard to a possible restriction on fluoropolymers and thus a threat to our high-performance critical infrastructure equipment, we are actively participating in the European consultation to advocate for an exemption for fluoropolymers. We see this as our duty to continue contributing to the European climate targets.

Kind regards  
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