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**Customer information on the inclusion of lead on the SVHC Candidate List  
in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)**

Dear Madam or Sir,

On June 27, 2018, the metal lead was added to the REACH Candidate List as a substance of very high concern (SVHC). According to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation, EUCHNER is required to notify its customers of the presence of any SVHC in its products in a concentration exceeding 0.1 % weight by weight (w/w).

Lead as an alloying element is used in low concentrations mainly in steel (< 0.35%), aluminum (< 0.4%) and copper (< 4%) in a large number of our products. These concentrations are permitted under the EU RoHS directive as there are currently no alternatives. Lead is used to improve the processing capability and corrosion resistance of alloys.

As far as we know, there is no danger to either humans or the environment if our products are used as intended.

The inclusion of lead on the SVHC Candidate List does not mean that lead is banned, but merely that it must be declared according to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation.

The obligation to provide information due to REACH is not based on any new scientific findings regarding the metal and the use of lead in metallic semi-finished products. The use of lead has been regulated for many years. The obligation to inform is based solely on the fact that lead has been added to the candidate list by the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). The objective of the inclusion is to obtain information on the quantities of these substances used within the EU.

Please also note our general customer information on REACH at [www.euchner.com](http://www.euchner.com).

If you have any questions, please contact us at [sustainability@euchner.de](mailto:sustainability@euchner.de).

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**Customer information on the inclusion of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane  
on the SVHC Candidate List in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH)**

Dear Madam or Sir,

On June 27, 2018, the silicone octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane was added to the REACH Candidate List as a substance of very high concern (SVHC). According to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation, EUCHNER is required to notify its customers of the presence of any SVHC in its products in a concentration exceeding 0.1 % weight by weight (w/w).

We have been informed by one of our upstream suppliers that sealing parts affecting our product lines **NQ** (safety switch) , **TQ** (safety switch) **and ES** (emergency stop) contain octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (CAS No. 556-67-2) in a low concentration.

We would like to point out that octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane is most likely reduced to less than 0.1 % weight by weight (w/w) during the production process. We inform you hereby, as we are not able to completely rule out the possibility of a greater concentration in some cases.

As far as we know, there is no danger to either humans or the environment if our products are used as intended.

The inclusion of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane on the SVHC Candidate List does not mean that it is banned, but merely that it must be declared according to Article 33 of the REACH Regulation.

The obligation to provide information due to REACH is not based on any new scientific findings regarding the silicone and the use of it in semi-finished products. The obligation to inform is based solely on the fact that the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has added the chemical to the candidate list. The objective of the inclusion is to obtain information on the quantities of these substances used within the EU.

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