

To whom it may concern

Re.: Updated Statement on European PFAS activities

The intention of this document is to provide updated information on the KLINGER Dichtungstechnik point of view concerning the EU PFAS activities.

KLINGER Dichtungstechnik supports the intention of the initiative to ban any chemicals, which are harmful for humans and the environment. Therefore, the so-called "bad" PFAS should be restricted and banned in the whole supply chain.

In line with this commitment, we are working on optimizing our production for PTFE-based gasket materials. Our objective is to guarantee content below detection limit of any "bad" PFAS not only in our PTFE-based gasket material, but also already in the production of the PTFE raw material.

To achieve this goal, KLINGER Dichtungstechnik is working closely with our existing raw material supplier to refine the production of our PTFE based gasket material. In this process, KLINGER Dichtungstechnik is switching to a PTFE raw material, which is fluoro-surfactant free produced, as our raw material suppliers are using non PFAS polymerization aids. With this we can ensure that there will be no "bad" PFAS generated during the production of the PTFE raw material.

Additionally, we have tested all of the KLINGER PTFE gasket materials, already produced with the updated raw material, if they contain any of the 70 most prominent "bad" PFAS including the GenX, PFOA, and PFOS. These tests have been made by the external test laboratory TÜV Rheinland. We are very happy to state that these tests have confirmed the absence of any detectable "bad" PFAS in all of our PTFE gasket materials.

KLINGER Dichtungstechnik will start in 2024 to gradually update the production. Importantly, the transition will cause no technical changes – the datasheet stays the same. However, due to these update a slight change in color will be observed on our PTFE-based gasket material. Additionally, we will also reissue the relevant approvals of these materials at this occasion.

We are convinced that this activity is a further step to a health friendly production and to ensure that our PTFE-based gasket sheet materials, KLINGER top-chem and KLINGER soft-chem, are entirely free from any "bad" PFAS.

We do hope that this statement is of service for you and we will update you on the progress of our activities continually.

Best regards



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