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AZ MIR 701 (14cp) and AZ MIR 701 (29cp) PFOA Notification

Dear Valued customer,

Merck is committed to continuous improvement in delivering products of the highest performance and quality. As part of this process we are continuously monitoring regulations within the semiconductor field.

Therefore, we inform you that PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic acid), its salts and PFOA-related compounds were added to Annex A of the Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs). This requires countries to act to "eliminate the production and use" of this chemical.

In EU, PFOA has already been included into EU REACH Annex XVII: that means restriction on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain dangerous substances, mixtures and articles. The uses of 'PFOA, its salts and PFOA related compounds' in EU are restricted unless the use is defined as exemption.

The use until now is defined as an exemption, so we are currently supplying you in accordance with this regulation.



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However, there is a risk that the recent decision in Stockholm Convention Conference may trigger further restrictions within the EU. Consequently, EU legislation (EU Persistent Organic Pollutants Regulation) may stop any exemption for the use of PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic acid), its salts and PFOA-related compounds in near future.

Thus, Merck Performance Materials is transitioning the AZ MIR 701 series into PFOA-free material versions.

AZ MIR701 (29cps) and AZ MIR 701 (14cp) will be converted no later than **April 2021**, depending on any further changes in the EU regulation.

	Current	Future
Part Number and Description	18451724323, AZ MIR 701 (14cp) 18451824324, AZ MIR 701 (29cp)	tbd
Manufacturing Location	New Jersey (USA)	New Jersey (USA)
Change Description	PFOA Surfactant	Non-fluorinated Surfactant
Sample schedule	N/A	Available now

A comparison data set as well as samples will be provided.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Account Manager in case of further questions.

Sincerely,



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