

DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU on the restriction of use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment supplemented by Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/863

With regard to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the restriction of use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment as well as supplement to Annex II according to Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/863 we would like to inform you:

- (1) Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB); polybrominated diphenylethers (PBDE); Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP); Butylbenzylphthalate (BBP); Dibutylphthalate (DBP) and Diisobutylphthalate (DIBP) are used for flame protection means in plastic materials. These compounds are not contents of our steel materials.
- (2) Cr (VI)-compositions are not contained in any steel grades produced by Saarstahl.
- (3) The charge materials for BOF-steelmaking contain the elements Cd and Hg - if at all - only as trace elements.
During our steelmaking, these elements are not added purposely.
- (4) This applies also for the element Pb, with the exception of special steel grades, where lead is added as an alloy constituent. Lead is then considered part of the customer specification. In this case, the tolerance criteria apply as described in the Annex III of the Directive, exemption 6(a).
- (5) We would like to point out, that these statements are only relevant to the steel grades produced by Saarstahl AG at the production sites Völklingen, Burbach and Neunkirchen. These statements do not cover possible changes of our material, resulting from subsequent processing, surface treatment or differing identification marking by other companies operating those processes.

The DIRECTIVE 2011/65/EU, as well as supplement to Annex II according to Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2015/863, is met by the criteria listed above.

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