



To the customers of Turbo-Fix

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## Subject: RoHS / REACH Information

Dear customers,

### What is RoHS?

RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) is linked to Directive 2002/95/EC that aims to restrict the use of six hazardous materials found in electrical and electronic products by setting maximum allowed levels for the following substances: lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE). All applicable products in the European market after June 1, 2006 must be RoHS compliant.

The filters of the Turbo-Fix fall under the scope of the RoHS Directive and are compliant, as stated on the CE Declaration of the corresponding products. The Turbo-Fix CE Declarations is available online under [www.tpp.ch](http://www.tpp.ch), as an integrated part of the IFU. TPP continuously monitors the application scope of the Directive together with its suppliers to ensure continued compliance and to update the corresponding statement accordingly.

### What is REACH?

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and restriction of Chemicals) Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 aims, among others, to enhance the level of protection of human health and the environment from the use of chemicals. European Chemical Agency (ECHA) continuously reviews substances that may have serious effects on the human health or the environment. Substances fulfilling one or more of the criteria defined in Article 57 of the REACH Regulation are identified as "Substances of Very High Concern" (SVHC) and put in the "Candidate List for authorization". The list is regularly updated and published on the ECHA website (<http://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>). The identification of a substance as Substance of Very High Concern and its inclusion in the Candidate List is the first step of the authorization procedure. One of the targets of the REACH regulation is to encourage industry to find new alternatives and substitute these substances for safer ones.

A part of REACH regulation applies to laboratory equipment and materials, which fall under the scope of "articles" and the corresponding requirements for substances in articles under the REACH Regulation. Authorization and restriction requirements do not only affect companies using substances for the production of articles but also downstream users in general. Each producer, supplier and importer of articles has to control and notify the presence of substances as defined in Article 57 of the REACH Regulation. Article 33 aims to ensure that sufficient information is communicated down the supply chain to allow safe use of the articles. In case a substance is the Candidate List and is present in an article with a concentration higher than 0.1% by weight, it is the duty of each supplier in the supply chain of the article to provide sufficient information, at least the name of the substance, to downstream users.

TPP continuously reviews the application scope of the REACH regulation to ensure compliance, to provide supply chain information and to evaluate alternative substances whenever possible or required. We will continuously update the IFU with the **Declaration of Conformity** for the Turbo-Fix, which are following under the scope of the CE Declaration, and our REACH statement based on any new available information.