

Request for Cooperation in Investigation of PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)

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Dear All Valued Suppliers

We hope this message finds you well and that your company continues to thrive. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your ongoing understanding and cooperation with Omron Group's green procurement initiatives.

In response to the regulatory movements concerning PFAS (Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) in the United States and Europe, our company (including Omron Group companies) seeks to evaluate the impact on our products and to secure a transition period for substitutes if regulations are enforced. We aim to gather information regarding the presence of PFAS in our products.

Background and Purpose

PFAS is a collective term for a group of approximately 12,000 fluorinated organic compounds, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). PFAS are used in numerous parts and products to provide beneficial properties such as chemical resistance, non-stick characteristics, electrical insulation, and water repellency. However, due to their chemical persistence and long-term presence in the environment, there is a preventive movement to regulate all PFAS. Specifically, in the United States, the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(a)(7) requires reporting of PFAS-containing products to the EPA. Additionally, in Europe, comprehensive regulation of PFAS under the REACH regulation has been announced, and discussions on regulatory content are currently underway.

To address these regulatory movements, the electrical and electronics industry has integrated thousands of PFAS into the chemSHERPA ver. 2.07 tool, a data creation support tool promoted by the Joint Article Management Promotion-consortium (JAMP).

Therefore, we kindly request your cooperation as follows:

Details

If you receive a survey request from us, please fill in both the component information and the compliance determination information and respond using chemSHERPA ver. 2.07 or later. If you have

already responded using chemSHERPA ver. 2.07 or later, there is no need to redo the process.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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