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Dear Valued Customer:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in our product portfolio and our approach to managing these materials responsibly.

PFAS are a broad class of fluorinated substances that may be used in products and components to deliver critical performance characteristics that, in many applications, are not yet broadly achievable with alternative materials. PFAS lends critical properties such as chemical inertness, thermal stability, weatherability, low surface energy, lubricity, moisture resistance, as well as dielectric and insulation performance (esp. in high temperature applications) are essential to meeting the rigor, reliability, and performance required by our customer's applications.

At the same time, PFAS are the subject of significant global environmental and regulatory concern. Many members of this broad class of substances are highly persistent, and certain PFAS have been associated with adverse effects in humans or the environment.

To better understand the presence and critical reliance on PFAS in our products and their packaging, we are engaging with our global supply chain to support compliance with applicable reporting obligations.

Thermo Fisher Scientific recognizes the regulatory, commercial, and product stewardship considerations associated with the continued use of PFAS. Where a need for PFAS is identified, we assess whether practical alternatives are available and seek to substitute them when scientifically, technically, and economically feasible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information.

Regards,

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