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Ref: Iron and steel products originating from Russia

Dear Valued Customer,

As you may already be aware, that effective from 30th September 2023, the United Kingdom prohibits the purchase or import of specific iron and steel products when these products have been processed in a third country that includes iron and steel originating from Russia.

The above stipulations are stated within The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (amendment) Regulations 2023. Regulation 46C defines iron and steel product as those items specified within Schedule 3B of the Russia Sanctions Regulations. Regulations 46D, 46E and 46F impose restrictions on the import, acquisition, supply and delivery of iron and steel products, covering goods consigned from, located in, or originated in Russia, as outlined in the relevant regulation. The prohibition may still apply if the immediate point of origin of the goods is not Russia.

The European Union in October 2022 adopted (through amendment to the R.833/2014) sanctions against Russia, preventing European companies from importing and purchasing certain products containing Russian iron and steel. The amendment to R.833/2014 made on 23rd June 2023 requires that the importer / purchaser of goods falling under the combined nomenclature (CN) codes 7206 – 7229 and 7301 – 7326, provide "evidence of the country of origin of the iron and steel inputs used for the procession of the product in a third country". This amendment became EU law on 30th September 2023.

WIKA Alexander Wiegand SE & Co. KG and its subsidiary company WIKA Instruments Limited (hereinafter referred to as "WIKA"), herby confirms to conform to all relevant and applicable UK and EU regulations, embargos and restrictions concerning export control. WIKA is fully aware of the UK and EU embargos against Russia, which have been and will be complied with in the future, as far as applicable.

Products of UK and EU production as well as the products that are released for free circulation within the UK and EU marketplaces, do not fall within the scope of The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (amendment) Regulations 2023 or the EU regulation 833/2014.

The products supplied for your company are supplied from WIKA Instruments Limited and any further requests or questions should be made to your normal business contact. We thank you for your kind cooperation and continuation of our good business relationship into the future.

Kind regards,

Tony Sweetman

CFO

For and on behalf of WIKA Instruments Limited