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1 INTRODUCTION

UFI Filters Group¹ is committed to material compliance and strives to ensure high social, environmental, and human rights standards. In this way, UFI Filters Group has taken several initiatives, including reduction of hazardous substances in products and processes and conflict-free sourcing.

The basis for prohibited and declarable substances in UFI Filters Group products is the "Global Automotive Declarable Substance List" (GADSL). The list summarizes substances and substance classes which pose potential risks to people and the environment, according to current knowledge. GADSL must be always followed in its current version (<http://www.gadsl.org>). In addition to GADSL, companies confront their suppliers with lists of other restricted substances. In the following pages you'll you will find a list of some of the most frequently requested ones.

To support UFI Filters Group's ongoing efforts to manage and demonstrate compliance with pertinent governmental laws and regulations, such as the above-mentioned GADSL, REACH, ELV, ROHS, SCIP, Conflict Minerals, California Proposition 65 and further regulations listed hereinafter, Suppliers are required to comply with the present policy.

Please consider that the information that Suppliers are required to provide under the present policy refers to the substances contained in the products supplied to any UFI Filters Group companies worldwide (hereinafter the "Products").

All the Forms mentioned in this policy are listed in GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

¹ In this document UFI Filters Group shall mean all the UFI Filters Group's legal entities, directly or indirectly controlled by or under common control with UFI Filters S.p.A.

2 IMDS

The preferred tool to be used by Suppliers to provide material compliance data is IMDS (International Material Data System)². Some exceptions to this tool are admitted, for example the compliance to Conflict Minerals regulation which can only be certified using the appropriate form, as outlined in the relevant section of this document.

IMDS is used to collect, maintain, analyse, and archive all materials used for car manufacturing. Suppliers, by providing UFI Filters Group -via IMDS- with the Material Datasheet of the articles in scope of supply, enable UFI Filters Group to meet the obligations placed on automobile manufacturers, and thus on their suppliers, by national and international standards, laws, and regulations.

IMDS is funded by the participating car manufacturers (member companies) for the exclusive use of their supply chains and thus registration to IMDS for Suppliers belonging to car manufacturers supply chain is free of charge. Once registered, each Supplier is allowed to upload on IMDS the material information about its products and submit them to UFI Filters Group. Please find below the IMDS accounts of UFI Filters Group companies:

COMPANY NAME	ID	CITY	COUNTRY
UFI Filters S.p.A.	2024	Nogarole Rocca (VR)	Italy
UFI Filters India Private Limited	93516	New Delhi	India
UFI Filters India Private Limited	72350	HSIDC, BAWAL	India
UFI Filters Korea Ltd.	49976	Gimpo-si, Gyeonggi-do	South Korea
UFI Filters Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.	200847	Ramos Arizpe / Coahuila	Mexico
UFI Filters (Shanghai) Co., LTD	76728	Shanghai	China
Sofima Automotive Filter (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	99889	Shanghai	China
Sofima Automotive Filter (Chongqing) Co., Ltd.	205825	Chongqing	China
Sofima Automotive Filter (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	47744	Shanghai	China
Sofima Automotive Filter Changchun Co., Ltd.	94825	Changchun	China
UFI Green Technologies (JIAXING) Co., Ltd.	252923	Xiuzhou District, Juaxing City	China
Sofima Filters S.A.	107752	El Mourouj	Tunisia
Sofima Industrial Filter (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	121659	Shanghai	China
UFI Filters Hydraulics S.p.A.	104916	Bolgare (BG)	Italy
Plastic Technology S.p.A.	90716	Castrocaro Terme (FC)	Italy
UFI FILTERS do Brasil	195665	Jundiaí, São Paulo	Brasil

Suppliers of UFI Filters Group which are NOT part of a car manufacturers supply chain are not entitled to register into IMDS. UFI Filters Group will not accept the submission of material datasheet related to products not part of car manufacturers supply chain.

² <https://www.mdsystem.com/imdsnt/startpage/index.jsp>

3 REACH

REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) is a European Union Commission Regulation on chemicals and their safe use entered into force on June 1, 2007.

The purpose of this regulation is to ensure high-level protection of human health and the environment, as well as the free circulation of substances on the internal market and the enhancement of competitiveness and innovation. This regulation requires companies to manage the risks from chemicals and to provide safety information on the substances present in the Products manufactured, imported, and distributed into the European market. In addition, REACH allows the assessment of existing and new substances in a harmonized way and the improvement of flows of information in the supply chain.

UFI Filters Group supports the basic aim of REACH and, to meet all applicable REACH requirements, expects Suppliers to communicate information regarding substances contained in the Products.

To fulfil the requirements of REACH Regulation, UFI Filters Group asks Suppliers to communicate the possible presence in the supplied Products (substances, mixtures, or articles/products) of:

- (a) "SVHC" substances (Substances of Very High Concern) reported in the "Candidate List", and their concentration above 0.1% (weight/weight).
- (b) substances listed in Annex XIV (substances that require an authorisation for their supply and use).
- (c) substances listed in Annex XVII (substances with restrictions on use).

For ease of reference, these are the links to the substances included in the Candidate List, in Annex XIV and in Annex XVII of the REACH:

- Candidate List: <https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>
- Annex XIV: <https://echa.europa.eu/authorisation-list>
- Annex XVII: <https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>

Prior to the industrialization of a certain Product to be supplied to any UFI Filters Group company or whenever a modification of the chemical composition of any Product occur, the Suppliers – wherever they are based – are required to create and submit the Product **Material Datasheet via IMDS** or, when usage of IMDS is not allowed, to properly fill in, sign and return to UFI Filters Group a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

It is pointed out that the lists above may be updated from time to time (e.g., the Candidate List is updated twice a year), therefore you are expected to submit a new IMDS datasheet or an updated Declaration Form in the event of any change in the lists above that concerns the substances present in the material supplied.

4 SCIP

SCIP is the database for information on Substances of Concern In articles as such or in complex objects (Products) established under the Directive (EU) 2018/851 (Waste Framework Directive).

Companies supplying articles containing substances of very high concern (SVHCs) on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight (w/w) on the EU market must submit information on these articles to ECHA, as from 5 January 2021. The SCIP database ensures that the information on articles containing Candidate List substances is available throughout the whole lifecycle of products and materials, including at the waste stage. The information in the database is then made available to waste operators and consumers.

The obligation to submit a SCIP notification covers all articles placed on the EU market containing a substance of very high concern on the Candidate List in a concentration above 0.1 % w/w.

The following Suppliers of articles need to provide such information to ECHA by creating an ECHA account³:

- EU producers and assemblers,
- EU importers,
- EU distributors of articles and other actors in the supply chain placing articles on the market.

For each notification submitted to ECHA via SCIP (through manual entry on the ECHA website or through automatic submission via the IMDS), the Supplier will get a SCIP Number which shall be shared downstream the supply chain.

Any Supplier's article, part of one UFI Filters Group's article, which is impacted by the obligation of notification to ECHA, will be mentioned in the SCIP notification submitted to ECHA by UFI Filters Group. Therefore, UFI Filters Group requires Suppliers belonging to the above-mentioned categories to share the SCIP Number related to their articles.

The non-EU Suppliers are not allowed to submit information to ECHA; therefore, they shall provide such information directly to any UFI Filters Group company.

For more details, refer to the website <https://echa.europa.eu/en/scip-database>.

³ For creating an ECHA account, please seek [ECHA FAQ](#) and search the topic "Echa accounts"

5 ROHS

ROHS (Restriction Of the use of certain Hazardous Substances in electrical and electronic equipment) is a European Union Directive (2011/65⁴) with the aim of restricting the usage of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (EEE), with the view of contributing to the protection of human health and the environment, including the environmentally sound recovery and disposal of waste EEE.

The hazardous substances, the use of which is restricted by this Directive, are listed in its Annex II (amended by EU Directive n. 2015/863⁵) and comprise:

- Lead (0,1 %)
- Mercury (0,1 %)
- Cadmium (0,01 %)
- Hexavalent chromium (0,1 %)
- Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) (0,1 %)
- Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) (0,1 %)
- Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (0,1 %)
- Butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP) (0,1 %)
- Dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (0,1 %)
- Disobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (0,1 %)

UFI Filters Group supports the aim of ROHS and, to meet all applicable ROHS requirements, expects Suppliers to communicate information regarding substances contained in the Products which are EEE or part of an EEE product by sharing the [Material Datasheet via IMDS](#) or by using the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

It is pointed out that the mentioned Annex II may be updated from time to time, therefore you are expected to verify the compliance of your Products and submitting a new IMDS datasheet or a new ROHS Declaration Form in the event of any change in the above list that concerns the substances present in the material or components supplied to us.

⁴ For more details, consult the website <https://eur-lex.europa.eu>, choose your language and then enter “2011/65” in the search bar.

⁵ For more details, consult the website <https://eur-lex.europa.eu>, choose your language and then enter “2015/863” in the search bar.

6 ELV

ELV (End of Life Vehicle) is a European Union Directive (2000/53)⁶.

This directive aims, as a first priority, at the prevention of waste deriving from vehicles and, in addition, at the reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery of end-of life vehicles and their components so as to reduce the disposal of waste, as well as at the improvement in the environmental performance of all of the economic operators involved in the life cycle of vehicles and especially the operators directly involved in the treatment of end-of life vehicles.

UFI Filters Group supports the aim of ELV and, to meet all applicable ELV requirements, expects Suppliers to communicate information to ensure that supplied materials and components of vehicles DO NOT contain lead, mercury, cadmium, or hexavalent chromium, except in the cases listed in Annex II of ELV Directive under the conditions specified in same Annex II.

Prior to the industrialization of a certain Product to be supplied to any UFI Filters Group company or whenever a modification of the chemical composition of any Product occur, the Suppliers – wherever they are based – are required to create and submit the Product **Material Datasheet via IMDS** ensuring that the presence of the ELV restricted substances is always tracked by the correct Application Code which links it to one of the condition specified in Annex II.

It is pointed out that the above list of restricted substances under ELV Directive may be updated from time to time, therefore you are expected to submit a new IMDS datasheet in the event of any change in the list above that concerns the substances present in the material or components supplied.

If it is not possible to submit the information via the IMDS, to comply with the present policy, suppliers are required to properly fill in, sign and return to us a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

⁶ For more details, consult the website <https://eur-lex.europa.eu>, choose your language and then enter “2000/53” in the search bar.

7 CONFLICT MINERALS

In August 2012, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") adopted a final rule regarding Conflict Minerals to implement the provision of section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Conflict Mineral Law"). This provision refers to the following minerals and their derivatives:

- columbite-tantalite, refined into tantalum
- cassiterite, refined into tin
- wolframite, refined into tungsten
- gold

These four minerals are jointly referred as "3TG" (Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten and Gold).

The "Conflict Minerals" are understood as minerals (3TG) mined in conditions of armed conflict and human rights abuses, notably in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in other Countries of the same region in Africa. Conflict Mineral Law requires companies subject to the SEC reporting requirement⁷ to trace the path of 3TG across their supply chains to verify and disclose the sources of these four minerals, if used by them or by their suppliers in manufacturing products.

UFI Filters Group is concerned about the conflicts occurring in Democratic Republic of the Congo and adjoining countries and works actively to ensure that 3TG in its supply chain do not come from mines that finance or benefit armed groups in those regions of Africa or in any other Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

As a result, UFI Filters Group requires to its Suppliers:

- to disclose whether 3TG are contained in the Products.
- to strictly trace and regularly monitor the path of the 3TG across its supply chains.
- to source the 3TG from validated smelters whose due diligence practices have been validated by an independent third-party audit program.
- to impose to all its sub-contractors and sub-suppliers to source the 3TG from validated smelters whose due diligence practices have been validated by an independent third-party audit program.
- to take all the necessary corrective actions, within an agreed timescale, if Conflict Minerals are used by the same supplier, its subcontractors and/or sub-suppliers, in manufacturing the Products.
- to do its best efforts to be fully informed and updated on any further developments in the Conflict Mineral Law, including any new resolution to include additional minerals to the list of Conflict Minerals.

To comply with the present policy, Suppliers are required to properly fill in and return to us a copy of the updated form available at the following link: <https://www.responsiblemineralsinitiative.org/reporting-templates/cmrt/>.

It is understood that in case of any change in the Products that affects the information contained in the Summary Table and/or in the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template submitted to UFI Filters Group, Suppliers shall inform immediately UFI Filters Group and submit an updated version of the Summary Table and/or the Conflict Minerals Reporting Template that reflects such changes.

⁷ Companies subject to the SEC reporting requirement are identified as such under Section 13(a) and Section 15(d) of the US Securities Exchange Act. UFI Filters Group is not subject to the SEC reporting requirement, but it may be subject to this regulation, being a supplier of companies, which are indeed subject to such requirement.

8 CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65

Products manufactured on or after August 30, 2018, are subject to new labelling requirements in the State of California, US. The fundamental requirement is that “no person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual.”

To minimize the burden on the retail sellers of consumer products, California has placed certain responsibilities on manufacturers, producers, suppliers, importers, or distributors, which include identifying components sold to the retail seller that may contain a chemical identified by the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. This will require manufacturers, producers, suppliers, importers, or distributors to identify their products that contain one or more of these chemicals, determine whether these products are sold in California, and if so, take appropriate action to ensure that the warnings are provided.

For ease of reference, this is the link to website containing the latest list of chemicals under California Proposition 65: <https://oehha.ca.gov/proposition-65/proposition-65-list>.

UFI Filters Group requires Suppliers to disclose whether such chemicals are contained in the Products. For this purpose, prior to the industrialization of a certain Product to be supplied to any UFI Filters Group company or whenever a modification of the chemical composition of any Product occur, the Suppliers – wherever they are based – are required to create and submit the Product **Material Datasheet via IMDS** or, when usage of IMDS is not allowed, to properly fill in, sign and return to UFI Filters Group the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

It is understood that in case of any change in the Products, affecting the information previously submitted to UFI Filters Group, the Suppliers shall inform immediately UFI Filters Group by providing an updated version of the IMDS datasheet or of the Declaration Form reflecting such changes.

9 POPs CONVENTION

The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (hereinafter “**POPs Convention**”) was adopted at a Conference of Plenipotentiaries on 22 May 2001 in Stockholm, Sweden. The POPs Convention entered into force on 17 May 2004, ninety days after submission of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession in respect of the POPs Convention.

The POPs Convention is ratified by more than 170 countries and its objective is to protect human health and the environment from persistent organic pollutants and to promote the abolish of them on a worldwide scale.

The POPs Convention, to protect human health and environment from Persistent Organic Pollutants, prohibits or restricts the manufacturing, use and international trade of chemical substance that are (i) toxic, (ii) persistent, (iii) bio-accumulative, and (iv) having potential for long-range environmental transport.

UFI Filters Group requires to Suppliers to disclose whether such chemicals are contained in the Products. For this purpose, prior to the industrialization of a certain Product to be supplied to any UFI Filters Group company or whenever a modification of the chemical composition of any Product occur, the Suppliers – wherever they are based – are required to create and submit the Product **Material Datasheet via IMDS** or, when usage of IMDS is not allowed, to properly fill in, sign and return to UFI Filters Group a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

It is understood that in case of any change in the Products, affecting the information previously submitted to UFI Filters Group, the Suppliers shall inform immediately UFI Filters Group by providing an updated version of the IMDS datasheet or of the Declaration Form reflecting such changes.

For more details on POPs Convention, please consult the website <https://www.pops.int>.

10 TSCA

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA or TOSCA), as amended by the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act of 22 June 2016, is the principal national chemical management law in the United States, and covers the manufacture, import, use, and disposal of specific chemicals.

TSCA gives the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to require reporting, registration and testing requirements, and restrictions on chemicals and/or mixtures, and to take specific measures to protect against unreasonable risks to human health and the environment from existing chemicals.

Section 6 of TSCA, gives EPA the authority to prohibit or restrict, for a particular use or above a certain concentration, the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, use or disposal of a chemical if EPA assesses that it presents an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment.

More specifically, Section 6(h) requires the EPA to take accelerated regulatory action for certain PBT chemicals, i.e., chemicals that meet the legal criteria for persistent, bio-accumulative and toxic chemicals.

The EPA, as required by the statute, has identified 5 PBT chemicals, for each of which it has issued a final regulation, published on 6 January 2021, which contains the actions to be taken to manage the risk associated with the use of each of the 5 substances, including the prohibition of production (including importation) and distribution of articles containing these substances, or possibly above a certain percentage, and includes different compliance dates and/or possible exemptions for certain categories of articles and/or uses of the substance. The 5 regulated PBT substances are:

- Decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) Phenol
- Isopropylated phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1))
- 2,4,6-Tris(tert-butyl)phenol (2,4,6-TTBP)
- Hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD)
- Pentachlorothiophenol (PCTP).

UFI Filters Group requires to its Suppliers to disclose whether such chemicals are contained in the Products. For this purpose, prior to the industrialization of a certain Product to be supplied to any UFI Filters Group company or whenever a modification of the chemical composition of any Product occur, the Suppliers – wherever they are based – are required to create and submit the Product **Material Datasheet via IMDS** or, when usage of IMDS is not allowed, to properly fill in, sign and return to UFI Filters Group a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

For more details on TSCA, please consult the website: <https://www.epa.gov/tsca-inventory>.

11 PAHS

Polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) are substances occurring naturally in coal, crude oil and gasoline and are composed of multiple carbon and hydrogen aromatic rings. Released from burning coal, oil, gasoline, rubbish, tobacco and wood, PAHs are often formed due to incomplete combustion of organic materials. Oil containing PAHs are added to rubber and plastics as a softener or extender and may be found in rubber, plastics, lacquers, and coatings. These substances are considered ubiquitous environmental pollutants.

The EU legislation defines maximum permissible PAH concentrations for several types of products and materials by means of REACH regulation, Annex XVII, entry 50.

UFI Filters Group requires to its Suppliers, supplying articles restricted according to the above entry of the Annex XVII, to disclose whether such chemicals are contained in the Products. For this purpose, prior to the industrialization of a certain Product to be supplied to any UFI Filters Group company or whenever a modification of the chemical composition of any Product occur, the Suppliers – wherever they are based – are required to create and submit the Product [Material Datasheet via IMDS](#) or, when usage of IMDS is not allowed, to properly fill in, sign and return to UFI Filters Group a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

For more details on PAHS, please check the entry 50 of the Annex XVII of the REACH regulation:
<https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>.

12 PHTALATES

Phthalates are a family of chemicals that are widely used in industry and consumer products. They are mainly used as plasticizers to increase the flexibility and durability of plastics like PVC, but they can also be found in adhesives, sealants, and paints. Due to their wide use, phthalates can be found almost everywhere in our environment. All phthalates have not been thoroughly studied, but there is evidence that some of them are harmful to our health as they can, for example, interfere with our hormonal systems and cause allergies. As a result, the use of certain phthalates is already regulated both in Europe and globally.

The REACH regulation (in Annex XVII, entries 51 and 52) restricts the use of phthalates in several ways. For example, DEHP, DBP, BBP, and DIBP shall not be used individually or in combination with each other in concentrations exceeding 0.1% by weight in most consumer articles.

UFI Filters Group requires to its Suppliers to disclose whether such chemicals are contained in the Products. For this purpose, prior to the industrialization of a certain Product to be supplied to any UFI Filters Group company or whenever a modification of the chemical composition of any Product occur, the Suppliers – wherever they are based – are required to create and submit the Product [Material Datasheet via IMDS](#) or, when usage of IMDS is not allowed, to properly fill in, sign and return to UFI Filters Group a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

For more details on phthalates restrictions, please consult the website <https://echa.europa.eu/hot-topics/phthalates> and the entries 51 and 52 of the Annex XVII list <https://echa.europa.eu/substances-restricted-under-reach>.

13 PACKAGING DIRECTIVE 94/62/EC

The European Packaging and packaging waste directive 94/62/EC (1994) deals with the problems of packaging waste and the currently permitted heavy metals content in packaging.

For any product on the market, packaging is included in the scope of delivery. Each package must fulfil specific requirements and meet environmental and climate targets. With the introduction of the European Packaging Directive, a Europe-wide standard was created that applies to all Member States of the EU. The directive contains the maximum values for certain heavy metals and concerns itself with protecting the environment. Moreover, it obligates member states to meet targets for the recovery and recycling of packaging waste. The Directive covers all packaging placed on the Community market. Targets are set as a percentage of packaging flowing into the waste stream.

To comply with the present policy, Suppliers are required to properly fill in, sign and return to us a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

For more details on the packaging waste directive, please consult the relevant website <https://eur-lex.europa.eu>, choose your language and then enter “94/62/EC” in the search bar.

14 OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES REGULATION 2024/590

The regulation 2024/590, in effect since March 2024 and repealing Regulation 1005/2009, contains rules on production, import, export, placing on the market, use, recycling, reuse, regeneration and destruction of substances (divided into 9 substance groups) that deplete the ozone layer.

UFI Filters Group requires its Suppliers to disclose whether such chemicals are contained in the Products. For this purpose, prior to the industrialization of a certain Product to be supplied to any UFI Filters Group company or whenever a modification of the chemical composition of any Product occur, the Suppliers – wherever they are based – are required to create and submit the Product **Material Datasheet via IMDS** or, when usage of IMDS is not allowed, to properly fill in, sign and return to UFI Filters Group a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

For more details on ozone depleting substances regulation, please consult the website <https://eur-lex.europa.eu> choose your language and then enter “2024/590” in the search bar.

15 CLP

The Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 is based on the United Nations' Globally Harmonised System (GHS) and its purpose is to ensure a high level of protection of health and the environment, as well as the free movement of substances, mixtures, and articles.

CLP is legally binding across the Member States and directly applicable to all industrial sectors. It requires manufacturers, importers or downstream users of substances or mixtures to classify, label and package their hazardous chemicals appropriately before placing them on the market.

Once a substance or mixture is classified, the identified hazards must be communicated to other actors in the supply chain, including consumers. Hazard labelling allows the hazard classification, with labels, pictograms, signal words and safety data sheets, to be communicated to the user of a substance or mixture, to alert them about the presence of a hazard and the need to manage the associated risks.

Suppliers commit to adhere to the CLP regulation for all substances, mixtures, and related products distributed within the European Union.

For more details on CLP regulation:

- consult the website <https://eur-lex.europa.eu>, choose your language and then enter "1272/2008" in the search bar.
- consult the website <https://echa.europa.eu/regulations/clp/understanding-clp>.

16 PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (also known as "PFAS") are a large family of thousands of synthetic chemicals that are used in many products, mainly due to their oil, grease, water, and fire-retardant properties. Characteristic of PFAS is the carbon-fluorine bond, which is one of the strongest chemical bonds in organic chemistry. As a result, PFAS are virtually non-degradable in the environment. For this reason, several PFAS are already banned in the EU and the USA. However, the restrictions now planned go well beyond these existing restrictions. It is very likely that soon the manufacture, marketing, and use of PFAS in products/components/articles/mixtures will be very severely restricted or banned within the EU and the USA. The following definition of PFAS is used in the EU: any substance containing at least one fully fluorinated methyl (CF₃) or methylene (-CF₂-) carbon atom (without H/Cl/Br/I bonded to it).

UFI Filters group may ask to Suppliers to notify in writing of the use of PFAS in the products/components/articles/mixtures supplied or the use in processes as of today and in the future. Suppliers shall fill in, sign, and return to us a copy of the form listed in the GT-0059 MATERIAL COMPLIANCE DECLARATION FORMS.

For more details on PFAS, please consult the website: <https://echa.europa.eu/hot-topics/perfluoroalkyl-chemicals-pfas>.