



Subject: Statement on the restrictions on the use of end-of-life vehicles life-cycle

Dear customer,

We would like to inform you that according to the restrictions on the use of end-of-life vehicles, regulated by Directive 2000/53/EC of the European Parliament of 21 October 2000:

- SIDENOR ACEROS ESPECIALES S.L. products, are NOT manufactured with either Cadmium, Mercury or Hexavalent Chromium as referred to in Article 4 paragraph 2.a) of the mentioned Directive.
 - "Member States shall ensure that the materials and components of vehicles put on the market after the vehicles put on the market after 1 July 2003 do not contain lead, mercury, cadmium or hexavalent chromium except in the cases listed in Annex II under the conditions specified therein."
- 2. **Steels containing lead** are manufactured per customer request as specified in their purchasing conditions and in all cases compliant with the limits allowed in ANNEX II:
 - "1.a) Steel for machining purposes and hot galvanized steel components manufactured through discontinuous process containing up to 0.35% of their weight in lead."
- 3. Nickel and Chromium are only added as residual or as alloying elements in Nickel and Chromium steels, with the contents specified by the customer.
- 4. SIDENOR ACEROS ESPECIALES S.L, has implemented a Management System, in order to guarantee the compliance with the applicable legislation regarding Safety and Environment and has certified its Environmental Management System according to the international standard ISO-14001. Our process guarantees the absence of radioactivity in the purchased scrap, by means of detection gates at the entrance of the plant as well as controls on the Steelmaking process.

We remain at your entire disposal for any doubt or clarification you may need.

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