

Issue: Declaration of conformity regarding the Directive 2000/53/CE on the restriction of the end-of life vehicles

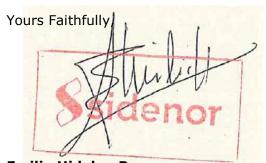
Dear Customer:

We are pleased to inform you that according to the restrictions detailed by the **Directive 2000/53/CE** of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 September2000 on end-of life vehicles:

 SIDENOR ACEROS ESPECIALES does not add to its products any of Cadmium, Mercury or hexavalent Chromium as is referred in the article 4 paragraph 2.a) of above mentioned Directive.

"Member States shall ensure that materials and components of vehicles put on the market after 1 July 2003 do not contain lead, mercury, cadmium or hexavalent chromium other than in cases listed in Annex II under the conditions specified therein."

- **2. Leaded Steels** are manufactured only when de customer specifies it under their purchase conditions, for steels of improved machinability.
- **3. Nickel and Chromium** only are present as residual, or as alloy elements in nickel and chromium steels, with the contents specified by the customer.
- **4.** SIDENOR ACEROS ESPECIALES has implemented a Quality System with the purpose of guaranteeing the execution of applicable legislation as regards to security and environment, and has certified its System of Environmental Administration according to the International Standard ISO-14001, guaranteeing by process the **absence of radioactivity** in the scrap purchased by means of detection systems at the factory entrance and controls on the process of steel production.



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