WAGO - Environmental Product Compliance Standard

1. General Information

WAGO's stated goal is to ensure environmental product compliance. Adherence to international materials regulations is therefore a central focal point. The “WAGO Environmental Product Compliance Standard” (*EPC Standard*) elucidates the most important bans on and restrictions of substances, along with the associated obligations for providing information about these substances and for taking back substances and also obligates the supplier to adhere to the standard. Other legal obligations in this regard remain unaffected by the standard.

2. Scope

The EPC Standard applies to all supplies and services to be provided to WAGO.

3. Substance Bans and Restrictions

3.1 Mandatory Obligations

The supplier warrants that it complies with substance prohibitions and restrictions as well as associated informational and return obligations in accordance with all applicable international, European and national statutory provisions, guidelines and regulations, particularly the current versions of directives, in particular

as per

- RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU including the amendment 2015/863/EU,
- REACH-Regulation 1907/2006,
- POPs – Regulation (EU) 2019/1021,
- Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Envorcement Act (CalProp 65),
- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA),
- F-Gas Regulation (517/2014/EU),
- Ozone Depleting Substance Regulation (1005/2009/EC),
- Biocidal Products Regulation (528/2012/EU),
- Chemical Risk Reduction Ordinance (ORRChem, RS 814.81),
- Ordinance on the prohibition of chemicals (ChemVerbotsV),
- Radioactive substances.

The supplier is obligated to bind its own suppliers, subcontractors and subsuppliers in a similar manner to these provisions and to present WAGO with proof of this when requested.

3.2 Optional Obligations

The obligations set forth in Section 3.2 apply only when this has been separately agreed in writing.

3.2.1 Absence of Silicone and Halogens

Requirements for absence of silicone and halogens are yielded in particular from product requirements from a market and customer perspective which must be observed. The supplier is obligated to report to WAGO the use of ingredients in supplies and services provided to WAGO containing halogens or silicone and to indicate the limits in accordance with IEC 61249-2-21. This information must also be indicated on the data sheet.

3.2.2 PAHs

The limit values for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons PAHs are listed in accordance with the GS mark and also in Annex IV, and must be complied with. These can be accessed at www.baua.de. For parts, materials or products that are not directly accessible to the customer or are installed closed inside a device, the restrictions provided in entry 50 of Annex XVII of the REACH regulation apply.

3.2.3 Nanomaterials

Information requirements have also been oriented to the evaluation of nanomaterials with the adaptation and elaboration of the REACH directive for nanomaterials. This applies to Annexes I and III and to Annexes VI-XII. WAGO shall be informed if nanomaterials are contained as ingredients in the product, or if the product has nanostructured surfaces.

3.2.4 PFAS

The PFAS restriction proposal seeks a ban on both the use and production of PFAS in order to reduce the risks these substances prose to humans and the environment. All applications not considered in the dossier without exceptions are affected by a direct ban on all PFAS after a transitional period of 18 months. With a final decision by the commission to be expected in 2025. If the product contains PFAS substances that fall under the OECD definition, WAGO must be informed.

4. Data Transfer

Declaration as per IEC 63000

Immediately upon receiving its own information or upon the request of WAGO, the supplier shall transmit the declaration on its products in the Internet database BOMcheck or in a suitable format for automated data processing in accordance with specifications of WAGO.

Safety Data Sheets

Upon delivery, the supplier is obligated to supply the safety data sheets that apply to the products in each case, in German or the respective national language, unless WAGO already has the current version.

5. Recycling Requirements

The supplier warrants that it complies with substance prohibitions and restrictions as well as associated informational and return obligations in accordance with all applicable international, European and national statutory provisions, guidelines and regulations, particularly the current versions of directives in particular

as per

- WEEE Directive (2012/19/EU),
- European Battery Directive (2006/66/EC),
- Packaging (94/62/EU).

6. Consequences of Violations

The supplier is liable for a culpable breach of this agreement and shall indemnify WAGO, at the first request, for all claims and reimburse all losses which directly or indirectly arise from the breach of this agreement.