

Dear Valued Customer,

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, otherwise known as PFAS, are chemicals that have been used in a wide range of consumer and industrial products since the 1940s, and are popular due to their resistance to grease, oil, water, and heat. The widespread use of PFAS and their ability to remain intact in the environment means that over time PFAS levels from past and current uses can result in increasing levels of environmental contamination. There are thousands of PFAS chemicals, and they are found in the soil, water and air throughout the world. They can be found in varying concentrations in many materials and can be absorbed by plants and animals, making it challenging to study and assess the potential risks to human health and the environment.

Although PFAS have been in use for more than 80 years, scientific understanding and technical instrumentation needed to test for PFAS at very low concentrations has only recently begun. Accumulation of certain PFAS has been shown to occur in humans and animals and while the science surrounding potential health effects of bioaccumulation continues to develop, exposure to some types of PFAS have been associated with serious health effects.

In response to this challenge, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) has begun adding PFAS to the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) list and continues to work on strategies to protect the environment and human health from these chemicals. As part of this growing movement, suppliers are being requested by the EPA to report on levels of PFAS contained in their products to develop an increased understanding of the effects from being exposed to these chemicals.

Humphrey Products is dedicated to providing safe products to our customers. However, due to the widespread distribution of PFAS, and because it is not feasible to test against the growing list of nearly 15,000 synthetic chemicals and compounds included with this Act, we have elected to respond as follows:

“Products manufactured by Humphrey Products Company are not expected to contain, other than unintentional impurities, any of the 205 reportable PFAS included in the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) by the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) as of this date. Since these substances are not intentionally added, we do not perform analysis for the presence of these substances. Assuming that one or more of the substances from the TRI ‘may’ be present as a residual in a component included in our products, exposure levels are most likely to be zero or if present, well below the levels of concern outlined in the TRI based on design and/or intended use of our products.”

Humphrey Products is committed to staying up to date on compliance issues and actively corresponds with our suppliers regarding this evolving topic. For more information on PFAS, please visit www.epa.gov/pfas.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben St. Brown'.

Quality Manager
Humphrey Products Company