

Information

New EU-directive: ban on jewellery and solder with cadmium from 2012

Ladies and Gentlemen

We want to inform you about a new EU-directive. From January 2012, the existing restrictions concerning the utilisation of cadmium will be tightened because of its high toxicity. This decision is based on the EU-directive REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation of Chemicals (and Metals), developed with the intention to guarantee a high level of health and environmental protection.

From 10th of January 2012 it is not allowed anymore to place jewellery (including costume jewellery) on the market with a per cent of weight of cadmium higher than 0,01, which results de facto in a prohibition of cadmium. An exception is made for jewellery brought to market till 12th of January 2012 or antique jewellery older than 50 years.

These are the reasons why we will stop the production and the sale of solder containing cadmium.

In the last years our range of solders was supplemented with few exceptions by cadmium-free solders, so that despite the ban on cadmium we have the continuing ability to offer a wide range of high standard solders for all alloys and in standard delivery forms.

In this context, we want to advise you to check your stock of solder containing cadmium, to break this down until January or to add it if necessary to your recycling material.

C. HAFNER GmbH + Co. KG, Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt with 160-year-tradition and one of the market leaders in the precious metal processing sector see it as an obligation to participate actively in this process to preserve and to safeguard our environment. In this spirit we feel also responsible for our customers who process our products.

For further questions or more information, please feel free to contact us by phone (+49-(0)7231-920 120) or just send us an email to kreativ@c-hafner.de .

Sincerely

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