

Information Letter on MOAH/MOSH concentration

Specifying the substances contained in mineral oils which are prohibited on packaging and for printing

Dear valued Supplier,

As part of our ongoing commitment to product safety and regulatory compliance, Continental is dedicated to ensuring that all our products and services meet the highest standards. In line with this commitment, we wish to remind and emphasize the importance of adhering to the **MOSH** (Mineral Oil Saturated Hydrocarbons) and **MOAH** (Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons) regulations that govern our industry.

These regulations are critical for protecting consumers from potential health risks associated with the presence of **MOSH** and **MOAH** in products. As our valued partner, it is imperative that your operations comply with these regulations to not only safeguard consumer health but also to uphold the integrity and reputation of our brands.

To this end, we require all our suppliers to ensure that:

- current and future packaging materials or printed paper products (for example owner manuals, labels, instructions etc.) do not contain ink with those mineral oils.
- current and future ink that the suppliers deliver to Continental complies with this regulation.

Moreover, we require our suppliers to:

1. **Conduct Regular Testing:** Ensure that your products, as well as the raw materials used, are regularly tested for **MOSH** and **MOAH** content to confirm compliance with the relevant regulatory standards.
2. **Implement Quality Control Measures:** Adopt stringent quality control measures throughout your production process to prevent contamination with **MOSH** and **MOAH**.
3. **Maintain Compliance Documentation:** Keep detailed records of all testing and quality control measures undertaken. This documentation may be requested by Continental for review at any time.
4. **Provide Immediate Notification:** Inform Continental immediately should you identify any risk of non-compliance or contamination in your products. Prompt communication will enable us to take necessary corrective actions to mitigate any risks.

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Substances subject to the restriction are:

- 1) Mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (**MOAH**) comprising from 1 to 7 aromatic rings;
- 2) Hydrocarbons saturated with mineral oil (**MOSH**) containing 16 to 35 carbon atoms.
 - **Until 31 December 2024**, the prohibition on the use of mineral oils applies when the ink mass concentration of mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (**MOAH**) is **greater than 1%**.
 - **From 1st of January 2025**, the prohibition of the use of mineral oils applies:
 - a. for mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (**MOAH**), where the ink concentration by mass of these substances is **greater than 0,1 %** or the ink concentration by mass of compounds of 3 to 7 aromatic rings is greater than one part per million (ppm);
 - b. for mineral oil saturated hydrocarbons (**MOSH**), where the ink mass concentration of these substances is **greater than 0,1 %**.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and your continued partnership. Compliance with these regulations not only ensures the safety and satisfaction of our customers but also strengthens the trust and confidence in our products.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter and for your ongoing cooperation.