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Dear Suppliers

Quality and Environmental Division
Global Procurement Division
Panasonic Operational Excellence Co., Ltd.(PEX)

Removal of Exemption of Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and its salts

Thank you very much for your unwavering efforts on Panasonic group's green procurement activities.

Regarding Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related substances stated in the Chemical Substances Management Rank Guidelines (for Products) ("Rank Guidelines") Ver. 13, "PFOA and its salts as impurity at concentration of 1ppm or less in polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) micropowders produced by ionizing irradiation or by thermal degradation" is exempted, which is in accordance with EU POPs (Persistent Organic Pollutants) regulation*¹). A review of the exemption by EU is scheduled to be completed by July 5, 2022.

Panasonic group has determined to remove the exemption as the exemption is highly likely to be removed from the EU POPs regulation, after profound discussions on how to respond to the exemption.

For the removal of the exemption, although we should update the Rank Guidelines as early as possible, since Panasonic plans to update the Rank Guidelines that includes some new Level 1 Prohibited Substances by the end of March next year, the removal of the exemption is informed to you by this letter. We will add contents of this letter to the updated version of the Rank Guidelines.

Requests to suppliers

As sated above, Panasonic informs you that regarding Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related substances stated in Table 2-27, "Rank Guidelines (for Products)" Ver. 13, the exemption of "PFOA and its salts as impurity at concentration of 1ppm or less in polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) micropowders produced by ionizing irradiation or by thermal degradation" is removed.

We would like to ask you, our suppliers, to understand the removal of the exemption, and take necessary actions to respond to it.

If your products that you currently deliver to Panasonic are subject to the above exemption, please immediately inform it to the contact person of Panasonic.

In the case that we need to request you to submit a Non-use warranty to us, the person in charge at the business site where your products are handled will contact you.

*¹) Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants

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