

Vieira de Leiria, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

## PROPOSITION 65 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

### To our Valued Customer:

Also known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Proposition 65 is a law that requires warning to consumers if a product exposes consumers to a wide variety of chemicals known by the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and/or other reproductive harm. Proposition 65 applies only in California.

The stainless steels delivered by Böllinghaus Steel Lda. contains the following Proposition 65 chemicals:

Chemical Name	CAS-No	California Prop. 65
Nickel	7440-02-0	Carcinogen
Cobalt	7440-48-4	Carcinogen

Product Safety Data Sheet details concentrations of the metals in our stainless steels.

In its solid form stainless steel does not present an inhalation, absorption, or ingestion hazard. However, some hazardous elements contained in these products can be emitted under certain processing conditions such as but not limited to burning, melting, cutting, sawing, brazing, grinding, machining, milling, and welding.

According to California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") while nickel alloys are not listed, *per se*, on the Proposition 65 list (certain nickel compounds are), nickel alloys contain metallic nickel. Metallic nickel is listed and has no published safe harbor. Therefore, products containing nickel alloys trigger the metallic nickel warning requirement unless a toxicological testing establishing no significant risk of exposure be released.

For purposes of Proposition 65, Böllinghaus Steel Lda. as a stainless steel bars manufacturer not within the jurisdiction of California, would like to appeal to retailers responsibility for Warning Labels directly on or affixed to product (or to its immediate container or wrapper), as follows:



**WARNING:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Nickel and Cobalt which are known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov)."

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding this letter.

Best Regards,

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