

Vieira de Leiria, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## FOOD CONTACT DECLARATION

### To our Valued Customer:

The European Community Regulation 1935/2004/EC defines the requirements for materials and articles intended to come into contact with food, while Commission Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006 lays down rules on good manufacturing practice (GMP) for materials and articles that come into contact with food.

This declaration applies to the following stainless steel grades supplied by Bollinghaus Steel.

304/304L   1.4301/1.4307
303   1.4305
316/316L   1.4401/1.4404
321   1.4541
316Ti   1.4571

The main requirements of the regulation concerning Bollinghaus Steel semi-finished stainless steel products are:

- Materials and articles shall be manufactured in compliance with good manufacturing practice, as laid down in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006, so that, under normal or foreseeable conditions of use, they do not transfer their constituents to food in quantities which could endanger human health or bring about an unacceptable change in the composition, taste or appearance of the food (*EC Regulation No 1935/2004, Article 3*).
- The traceability of materials and articles shall be ensured at all stages in order to facilitate control, the recall of defective products, consumer information and the attribution of responsibility (*EC Regulation No 1935/2004, Article 17*).

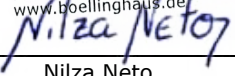
Supported in numerous studies that have shown that when used properly there is no harmful release of metals from the above mentioned stainless steel grades and in the knowledge that corrosion resistant stainless steels are inert and do not influence the colour, taste or appearance of the food, we are able to ensure the compliance with article 3.

Bollinghaus Steel stainless steel processed material is traced in all processing stages, fulfilling the requirements of article 17.

Hereupon, articles made from Bollinghaus Steel stainless steel above mentioned grades meet the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 and Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006, provided that the appropriate steel grade is used for the final product and further reprocessing is performed according to good manufacturing practice.

Your sincerely,

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