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Dear Customer,

In response to your inquiry, following is PTC Alliance's (PTCA's) statement on the Global Automotive Stakeholder Group's Declarable Substance List (GADSL), based on a review of the 2021 List issued February 1, 2023. This statement applies to steel tube products from all PTCA and Metal-Matic plants and to chromium-plated steel products from Enduro Industries.

GADSL is a compilation of regulated substances from around the world that affect the automotive industry. It applies only to substances expected to be present in a material or part that remains in the vehicle or part at the point of sale.

Depending upon the steel alloy involved, nickel may be present in PTCA's and Enduro's products. Nickel and its compounds are listed in GADSL as D/P (Declarable/Prohibited) based on its inclusion in the EU's REACH regulation, Annex XVII. The EU prohibited uses all apply to skin contact products such as jewelry and clothing items. Automotive uses in metal are not prohibited by the EU regulation, but nickel is still declarable at levels greater than 0.1%. Nickel is declared by PTCA by its inclusion in the certificate of analysis for the particular product, and through the International Material Database System (IMDS) report for the specific automotive part.

PTC Alliance, Metal-Matic, and Enduro Industries steel products do not contain any prohibited substances, nor any of the other declarable substances at the listed threshold levels.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry F. Beckwith".

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