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Sanctions – Russian Iron and Steel products

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To whom it may concern

To keep you fully informed a new sanction has been imposed as of September 30th 2023 in the EU on product that contains Russian iron or steel. The UK has not yet introduced this ban, but it is assumed that they will do so.

We have taken further advice from <u>BIAFD</u> - British and Irish association of Fastener Distributors, and <u>EFDA</u> - European Fastener Distributors Association, who are the UK and European trade bodies that represent our industry. The evidence for products manufactured outside of the EU requires the Mill Test Certificate identifying the country where the steel was smelted to be approved by the Customs Authorities.

This link provides the detail of the regulation.

<u>COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2023/1214</u>

The list of Taric codes affected are as follows, however the code 7318 generally relates to fasteners.

• ANNEX XVII — List of iron and steel products referred to in Article 3g

TR are committed to ensuring that we keep our customers fully informed of what that entails and ensuring that we comply with the laws and regulations imposed.

The actions that we have taken are as follows:

- Today if we supply you with product that has a PPAP the source of the base material is already declared in the documentation. We are not aware of any part that has Russian wire content.
- Today we stock standard commercial product that is supplied in bulk, usually from Asia, and we cannot guarantee that this does not have Russian steel content. It is however highly unlikely as much of that product comes from Taiwanese or Korean wire suppliers.
- It will be many months before standard product can be fully certified as not containing Russian steel, as there is much product already in the supply chain.



• We are in the process of surveying our vendor base, and we are asking them to confirm that they are not using Russian wire to produce parts for us.

Please do not hesitate to make contact if you need any further clarification.

Yours sincerely On behalf of **TR Fastenings Ltd**

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