

Fluid Systems

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Product Change Notification

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Dear Valued Customer,

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (SGPPL) is a global leader in the field of high performance, application specific products. We manufacture products that meet the high quality and performance criteria you have come to expect from SGPPL.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we are removing a material component from some of our products in order to make these products more compliant in a changing regulatory environment. DEHP (di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, CAS n° 117-81-7) is a common plasticizer used to soften a wide variety of products. Due to increasing regulatory scrutiny of DEHP, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics has decided to remove this plasticizer from our products at all of our global manufacturing locations. Though our current products comply with global regulatory standards when used as directed, Saint-Gobain is taking a pro-active and responsible approach by offering products that are non-DEHP.

As part of our continuous efforts to be in compliance with these regulations and alleviate customer concerns about DEHP, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics will be transitioning to all non-DEHP laboratory grade tubing. These products are now available from the Tygon[®] E product family.

R-3603 will be replaced by E-3603 LFL will be replaced by E-LFL R-1000 has been replaced by E-1000 R-3603 and LFL Autoanalyses tubing (TAAT) will be replaced by E-TAAT formulations

Please note the following critical dates as we transition to all non-DEHP products:

June 2013: SGPPL will cease **production** of all laboratory grade tubing containing DEHP.

December 2013: SGPPL will cease the **sale** of remaining inventory of laboratory grade tubing containing DEHP. Once inventory is exhausted, no more products containing DEHP will be sold.

Please be aware that our local District Sales Managers will be contacting you to work through your requirements as we manage this change process. If you have immediate questions, concerns, or require samples for validation please do not hesitate to contact

your local DSM directly. You can also visit <u>www.DEHPtransition.com</u> or call 1-800-798-1554 (or 1-330-798-6965 from outside the U.S.) for more information. At Saint-Gobain, we want to support you during this transitional period. If you need further information on regulatory standards for our products, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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