

**Declaration of conformity within the meaning of Regulation (EU)
No. 2019/1021 (POP Regulation)**

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Dear customer,

Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) are compounds that remain in the environment for long periods after being released, accumulate in the food chain, are transported over long distances in the environment and can cause long-term damage to human health and the environment.

The Stockholm Convention, which has so far (as of 26 May 2020) been signed by delegations from 152 countries and has currently been ratified by 184 countries, bans the production and use of certain POP substances. Within the EU, the amended Regulation (EU) No. 2019/1021 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on persistent organic pollutants (POP Regulation for short) implements this uniformly for all EU Member States.

Walter Bethke GmbH & Co. KG is aware of its responsibility to contribute to the protection of human health and the environment, including the environmentally sound recycling and disposal of its plastic products. In order to ensure the legal conformity of the raw materials and supplies supplied to us for our company and our products within the scope of the POP Regulation, Walter Bethke GmbH & Co. KG is in close contact with its suppliers and requires them to continuously check for currently banned POP compounds (Annex I of the POP Regulation). In addition, Walter Bethke GmbH & Co. KG obliges its suppliers to inform us immediately if they become aware of hazardous substances in the products supplied to us.

We also undertake to inform you immediately if we become aware of hazardous substances, in particular POP compounds, in the products supplied to you and to substitute the identified substances as quickly as possible.

To the best of our current knowledge, our products and in particular, the products supplied to you do not contain any hazardous substances as defined by Regulation (EU) No.2019/1021 (POP Regulation).

If you have any questions about the POP Regulation, please contact Mr Jörn Grabowski (fone -21, mail: jgrabowski@b-plastic.com).

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