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To our Customers

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Statement on radioactive contamination of stainless steel in SERTO products

Dear Sir/Madam

In a press release dated 10.02.2009, the German Ministry of the Environment disclosed that radioactively contaminated stainless steel had been imported from India to Germany. This contamination was the result of unintentional smelting of radioactive cobalt 60 in an Indian steel mill. The contaminated material is intended for further processing. Despite varying degrees of contamination, the authorities do not believe the population or the environment to be at risk.

Understandably, our customers have been unsettled by this report. SERTO was asked to issue a statement on this matter. The products in question were determined and investigated. Our steel suppliers have confirmed that they did not purchase any material from the respective Indian company.

SERTO can therefore exclude the use and processing of contaminated stainless steel from India in SERTO production.

We hope this statement supports you in your decision-making. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
SERTO AG

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