

Cutler and Woolf (Steel) Ltd

PFAS Free Statement

Hot Rolled Coil, Cold Rolled Coil, Hot Dip Galvanised Steel, Zintec

PFAS (Per and Polyfluoroalkyl substances) are a group of over 9,000 synthetic, fluorinated organic chemicals which are under increasing regulatory scrutiny due to their extensive use, high persistence and links to a range of adverse health impacts.

PFAS are often referred to as 'forever chemicals', because their molecules contain a chain of linked carbon and fluorine atoms, which is one of the strongest bonds in organic chemistry. This makes these chemicals extremely resistant to environmental degradation. Some PFAS can accumulate in people, animals and plants and can cause toxic effects. Consequently, there is growing concern worldwide about the potential risks posed by PFAS to human health and the environment.

Action has already been taken to ban or restrict specific PFAS around the world, including a ban on the manufacture, sale and use of products containing perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in the EU and the UK. In addition, in early 2023 a proposal for a broad restriction on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of PFAS in the EU was published. In the UK, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has recently completed a Regulatory Management Options Analysis (RMOA) to examine the most appropriate options for the management of the risks posed by PFAS in the UK.

Cutler and Woolf is aware of the concerns related to PFAS and has carried out an assessment of its products. This has established that, to the best of its knowledge, the Hot Rolled Coil, Cold Rolled Coil, Hot Dip Galvanised steel and Magizinc it supplies do not contain PFAS (per and poly fluoroalkyl substances).

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CMR Statement

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Certain hazardous substances have been assigned mandatory or harmonised classifications as Carcinogenic, Mutagenic or Toxic to Reproduction (reprotoxic), under the GB Classification, Labelling and Packaging (GB CLP) Regulation or the EU CLP Regulation respectively.

These CMR substances which fulfil the relevant criteria defined in Annex 1 to the CLP Regulation, have inherent properties that can cause cancer, alter DNA or damage reproductive systems. These CMR substances are classified as Category 1A, 1B or 2:

- Category 1A: The substance is known to be carcinogenic/mutagenic/reprotoxic to humans;
- Category 1B: The substance is presumed to be carcinogenic/mutagenic/reprotoxic to humans;
- Category 2: Substances, which cause concern for humans owing to possible carcinogenic/mutagenic/reprotoxic effects.

Cutler and Woolf is aware of the health impacts of these CMRs and has therefore carried out an assessment of its products for these substances.

This review has established that, to the best of its knowledge, the Hot Rolled Coil, Cold Rolled Coil, Hot Dip Galvanised Steel and Magizinc it supplies do not contain category 1 CMRs above a concentration of 0.1% by weight. It also established that, to the best of its knowledge, these products do not contain any category 2 CMRs above 0.1% by weight other than nickel, which may be present above this concentration in some products.