

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).