



Declaration of non use of

Boric acid, disodium octaborate tetrahydrate, disodium tetraborate and diboron trioxide

The European Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products restrict the use of several boron compounds in biocides. Since biocides are mainly used in aqueous preparations, printing inks, printing lacquers and related materials may come into the discussion since some of these are waterborne preparations (e.g. water based overprint varnishes or fountain solutions for web offset).

In this context we would like to state the following:

In the manufacture of **all** products supplied by Siegwirk, boric acid (CAS 10043-35-3), disodium octaborate tetrahydrate (CAS 12280-03-4), disodium tetraborate anhydrous (CAS 1330-43-4), disodium tetraborate pentahydrate (CAS 12267-73-1), disodium tetraborate decahydrate (CAS 1303-96-4) and diboron trioxide (CAS 1303-86-2), or raw materials containing these substances, are not used as intentionally added ingredients.

The presence, however, of traces of this substance in the product coming from raw material impurities, from the process or as adventitious contaminant cannot be excluded¹.

¹ However, we proactively monitor and/or retrieve supplier data on impurities of the above mentioned substances in all raw materials likely to contain such traces. We can assure you that potential traces in our products, if any, are, as a rule, well below 0,1%.