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Dear Valued Business Partner,

At present, we are still processing materials with low lead alloy contents.

According to the REACH Regulation, these materials are considered as so-called SVHCs (substances of very high concern) and must thus be identified as harmful to the environment and human health.

Secondly, it is expected that the conformity of these materials with the RoHS Directive will most probably expire in the long term (please also see our Declaration of Conformity at <https://www.gremako.de/en/downloads.html>).

We are preparing for these changes at this early stage and will, step by step, convert our manufacturing processes (as well as our material stock) to alternative materials not containing lead.

Lead in machining steel increases machinability (lubrication of tools) and has no adverse effect on future applications. Consequently, there will be no disadvantages for you.

In a first step, this will affect the following articles from our stock program manufactured from machining steel 11SMnPb30:

- DIN 7979C
- DIN 7
- ISO 2338
- DIN 7977/ DIN 258

In the future, we will manufacture these articles from 11SMn30 steel.

We will carry these articles with new article numbers in order to be able to distinguish between articles containing lead and those without lead. It might take some time until our entire stock has been converted to the new specifications.

All custom-made products manufactured from 11SMnPb30 until now, will also be converted to the lead-free version. All articles subject to initial sampling will be re-sampled by us.

In the event that you expressly object to these changes, please contact us so that together we can find individual solutions for you.

We look forward to continue the excellent cooperation with you in the future!

Best regards from Lennestadt

**Your GREMAKO Team**