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To whom it may concern :

PFOS Investigation Committee  
Japan Plating Suppliers Association

**Notice for Discontinuance Production of PFOS Containing Surface Treatment Agents**

Dear Sirs,

We wish to forward our many thanks to you for your kind and prolonged cooperation to our association.

At the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in May, this year, 9 substances (PFOS (Persulfurooctane Sulfonate) and others) were newly added to the Appendix. At the today's conference by joint council of Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and Ministry of the Environment, they decided that it was adequate to appoint these 9 substances as the primary specified chemical substance based on the Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc. Therefore, in future, PFOS and others which have been applying widely in the surface treatment field will be appointed as the primary specified chemical substance, and manufacture, import and usage of these substances will be prohibited in principle.

By this decision and restriction, after April in the next year, we can not use the following PFOS containing products which have been applying in the plating process.

- (1) Mist Preventing Agent for Chromium Plating (decoration and hard chromium plating)
- (2) Nickel Composite Plating Solution
- (3) Surface Conditioner and others

We, Japan Plating Suppliers Association (hereinafter, referred to as "JPSA") have been engaging ourselves in development of substitutions for long years, and finally developed the substitution products.

At the second board meeting of JPSA on June 8, 2009, we passed a resolution that 7 manufacturers for the PFOS containing products in the member of JPSA would discontinue production and make their stock of PFOS containing products to "Zero" by the end of this year. This matter means that the retaining stock of PFOS containing products becomes Zero at the manufacturers and users in Japan by March 31, 2010.

Under this circumstance, we wish to ask your favor to check the attached list for the PFOS containing products, confirm your stock amount quickly and inform to the manufacturers if you have been using them, and consider and convert them to the substitution products.

We shall much appreciate it if you will kindly give your prompt attention to this matter.

If you have any question or inquiry, please contact us of the following address.

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