

China Export Control on rare earths

Dear Customer,

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In recent weeks, we have received several inquiries regarding the current situation involving China's export controls on rare earth elements, particularly with respect to potential implications for our supply chain and production reliability.

We take this topic very seriously and have proactively contacted all relevant suppliers to assess any potential risks. Based on the responses we have received, we can confirm that **there is currently no risk to our production capability:**

- The majority of our suppliers **do not use rare earths** in their components.
- In cases where small amounts are used, **no supply shortages or disruptions** have been reported.
- Our suppliers have assured us that they are monitoring the situation closely and are prepared to respond promptly if necessary.

Given the information available at this time, we do **not see any immediate threat to our supply chain or manufacturing operations**. We are, of course, continuing to monitor developments very closely and remain in close contact with our supply partners to respond quickly should the situation change.

Should new information arise, we will inform you without delay.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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