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Client: DEPESCHE VERTRIEB GMBH & CO. KG

Contact Information: Vierlander Strasse 14, 21502 Geesthacht, Germany

Test item(s): Non toys

**Identification/
Model No(s):** TOPModel BFF Necklace
Item no: 0013032A, 0413032A
Order no: 13032/A

Sample obtaining method: Sending by customer

Condition at delivery: Test item complete and undamaged.

Sample Receiving date: 2024-07-17

Testing Period: 2024-07-19 to 2024-08-01

Place of testing: Chemical laboratory Hong Kong, Toys laboratory Hong Kong

Test Specification:

Please refer to "Test Result Summary List" on page 2 for details

Other information:

The provided age grade of the item(s) : Not Provided

The appropriate age grade of the item(s) : Not Requested (by client)

As per client request, the item(s) was/ were tested for the age of over 3 years.

Packaging provided: Yes

The selection of the tested materials and parameters is based on testing experience according to the principles of proportionally considering technological probabilities. The analyses are focused on expected harmful substances caused by nature of materials and production conditions.

**For and on behalf of
TÜV Rheinland Hong Kong Ltd.**



Amenda Yung/
Senior CS Manager

2024-08-08

Date

Name/Position



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Senior Lab Manager

2024-08-08

Date

Name/Position

Sample information is provided by customer. Test result is drawn according to the kind and extent of tests performed.

This test report relates to the above mentioned test sample. Without permission of the test center this test report is not permitted to be duplicated in extracts. This test report does not entitle to carry any safety mark on this or similar products.

"Decision Rule" document announced in our website (<https://www.tuv.com/landingpage/en/qm-gcn/>) describes the statement of conformity and its rule of enforcement for test results are applicable throughout this test report.

Test Result Summary :

Test Specification:

- 1 - Physical and Mechanical Test
 - General Product Labeling
 - Flammability Test

Test result:

PASS
Refer to result page
PASS

The above test(s) are tested per requested by applicant for "The General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR): (EU) 2023/988"

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|---|----------------------|
| 2 EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021 Migration of 19 Elements | PASS |
| 3 Total Cadmium Content - according to REACH regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Annex XVII Entry 23 and its amendments | PASS |
| Total Lead Content - REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Annex XVII Entry 63 and its amendments | PASS |
| 4 Depesche requirements:
Total lead content | PASS |
| 5 Packaging Waste Total Heavy Metal Content - 94/62/EC | PASS |
| 6 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) - REACH regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 with Amendment No. 552/2009· Annex XVII Item No. 50 and (EU) No.1272/2013 | Refer to result page |
| 7 Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) - according to GS Specification - AfPS GS 2019:01 PAK | Refer to result page |
| 8 Depesche requirements:
Phthalates content | PASS |
| 9 Nickel Release - REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 and amendment (EC) No. 552/2009 Annex XVII Item 27 (formerly known as 94/27/EC and 2004/96/EC) | PASS |

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Material List:

Item: TOPModel BFF Necklace
 Item no: 0013032A, 0413032A
 Order no: 13032/A

Material No.	Material	Color	Location
M001	Whole Product	Multicolor	[#13032_A_Gold]-Whole product; [#13032_A_Silver]-Whole product
M002	Coating	Light pink	[#13032_A_Gold]-Epoxy on charm; [#13032_A_Silver]-Epoxy on charm
M003	Coating	Pink	[#13032_A_Gold]-Epoxy on charm
M004	Coating	Dull pink	[#13032_A_Gold]-Epoxy on charm
M005	Coating	Pale pink	[#13032_A_Gold]-Epoxy on charm
M006	Coating	Light yellow	[#13032_A_Gold]-Epoxy on charm
M007	Coating	Orange	[#13032_A_Gold]-Epoxy on charm
M008	Coating	Purple	[#13032_A_Silver]-Epoxy on charm
M009	Coating	Dull purple	[#13032_A_Silver]-Epoxy on charm
M010	Coating	Light purple	[#13032_A_Silver]-Epoxy on charm
M011	Coating	Light blue	[#13032_A_Silver]-Epoxy on charm
M012	Coating	Blue	[#13032_A_Silver]-Epoxy on charm
M013	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-Lobster clip
M014	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-O-ring of end chain
M015	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-End chain
M016	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-Main chain
M017	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-Round pendant
M018	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-Heart pendant
M019	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-Small o-ring of pendant, lobster clip
M020	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-Lobster clip
M021	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-O-ring of end chain
M022	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-End chain
M023	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-Main chain
M024	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-Round pendant
M025	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-Heart pendant

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M026	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-Small o-ring of pendant, lobster clip
M029	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-Pendant
M032	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-Pendant
M033	Metal	Gold	[#13032_A_Gold]-Body of necklace
M034	Metal	Silver	[#13032_A_Silver]-Body of necklace
M035	Plastic	Transparent	[#13032_A_Gold]-Adhesive tape (packaging);[#13032_A_Silver]-Adhesive tape (packaging)
M036	Plastic + printing + paper	Transparent + Multicolor + White	[#13032_A_Gold]-Card (packaging); [#13032_A_Silver]-Card (packaging)

1.GPSR - General Product Safety Regulation
Result:
1. Physical and Mechanical Test

Test No.	Material No.	Description	Test Method	Result
T001	M001	Requirement for sharp points	Reference to EN71 Part 1	PASS
		Requirement for sharp edges	Reference to EN71 Part 1	PASS

2. General Product Labeling

Test No.	Material No.	Description	Result
T001	M001	Address of manufacturer or responsible trading company	Present
		Definite identification of the article	Present

These labeling shall be indicated on the products, or where that is not possible, on its packaging or in documents accompanying the products.

3. Flammability Test

Test No.	Material No.	Description	Test Method	Result
T001	M001	General requirements	Reference to EN71 Part 2	PASS

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2. EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021 Migration of 19 Elements

Test Method: with reference to EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021, analyzed by ICP-OES / ICP-MS / LC-ICP-MS/IC-UV/GC-MS.

3) For scraped-off toy materials:

Test Result:

				Test No.	T001	T002	T003
				Material No.	M002	M003	M004
Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Regulatory Requirement	Result	Result	Result	Result
Aluminium (Al)	mg/kg	10	28,130	< RL	30	< RL	< RL
Antimony (Sb)	mg/kg	5	560	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	5	47	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Barium (Ba)	mg/kg	2.5	18,750	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Boron (B)	mg/kg	10	15,000	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/kg	1	17	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Chromium III (Cr(III))	mg/kg	10	460	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Chromium VI (Cr(VI))	mg/kg	0.045	0.053	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Cobalt (Co)	mg/kg	2.5	130	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	2.5	7,700	5.3	3.9	3.0	
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	2.5	23	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Manganese (Mn)	mg/kg	2.5	15,000	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg	2.5	94	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	2.5	930	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Selenium (Se)	mg/kg	10	460	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Strontium (Sr)	mg/kg	2.5	56,000	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Tin (Sn)	mg/kg	1.0	180,000	< RL	< RL	< RL	< RL
Organic Tin [^]	mg/kg	0.2	12	-	-	-	
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	10	46,000	37	820	21	
Mass of trace amount	mg	--	--	12	18	17	

Abbreviation: < = less than
 RL = Reporting Limit
 mg/kg denotes milligram per kilogram
 mg denotes milligram
 ^ denotes Organic tin are not necessary to be determined when the Tin concentration is less than calculated limit (3.6 mg/kg) or the components were confirmed to be pure metal

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Test Result:

Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Test No.	T004	T005	T006
			Material No.	M005	M006	M007
			Regulatory Requirement	Result	Result	Result
Aluminium (Al)	mg/kg	10	28,130	< RL	< RL	125
Antimony (Sb)	mg/kg	5	560	< RL	< RL	< RL
Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	5	47	< RL	< RL	< RL
Barium (Ba)	mg/kg	2.5	18,750	< RL	< RL	< RL
Boron (B)	mg/kg	10	15,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/kg	1	17	< RL	< RL	< RL
Chromium III (Cr(III))	mg/kg	10	460	< RL	< RL	< RL
Chromium VI (Cr(VI))	mg/kg	0.045	0.053	< RL	< RL	< RL
Cobalt (Co)	mg/kg	2.5	130	< RL	< RL	< RL
Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	2.5	7,700	< RL	< RL	45.7
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	2.5	23	< RL	< RL	< RL
Manganese (Mn)	mg/kg	2.5	15,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg	2.5	94	< RL	< RL	< RL
Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	2.5	930	< RL	< RL	< RL
Selenium (Se)	mg/kg	10	460	< RL	< RL	< RL
Strontium (Sr)	mg/kg	2.5	56,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Tin (Sn)	mg/kg	1.0	180,000	< RL	< RL	6.12
Organic Tin [^]	mg/kg	0.2	12	-	-	< RL
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	10	46,000	17	< RL	2930
Mass of trace amount	mg	--	--	17	14	24

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Test Result:

Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Test No.	T007	T008	T009
			Material No.	M008	M009	M010
			Regulatory Requirement	Result	Result	Result
Aluminium (Al)	mg/kg	10	28,130	< RL	17	< RL
Antimony (Sb)	mg/kg	5	560	< RL	< RL	< RL
Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	5	47	< RL	< RL	< RL
Barium (Ba)	mg/kg	2.5	18,750	< RL	< RL	< RL
Boron (B)	mg/kg	10	15,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/kg	1	17	< RL	< RL	< RL
Chromium III (Cr(III))	mg/kg	10	460	< RL	< RL	< RL
Chromium VI (Cr(VI))	mg/kg	0.045	0.053	< RL	< RL	< RL
Cobalt (Co)	mg/kg	2.5	130	< RL	< RL	< RL
Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	2.5	7,700	7.0	3.6	< RL
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	2.5	23	< RL	< RL	< RL
Manganese (Mn)	mg/kg	2.5	15,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg	2.5	94	< RL	< RL	< RL
Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	2.5	930	< RL	< RL	< RL
Selenium (Se)	mg/kg	10	460	< RL	< RL	< RL
Strontium (Sr)	mg/kg	2.5	56,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Tin (Sn)	mg/kg	1.0	180,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Organic Tin [^]	mg/kg	0.2	12	-	-	-
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	10	46,000	60	414	< RL
Mass of trace amount	mg	--	--	16	23	13

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Test Result:

Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Test No.	T010	T011	T012
			Material No.	M011	M012	M033
			Regulatory Requirement	Result	Result	Result
Aluminium (Al)	mg/kg	10	28,130	< RL	< RL	< RL
Antimony (Sb)	mg/kg	5	560	< RL	< RL	< RL
Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	5	47	< RL	< RL	< RL
Barium (Ba)	mg/kg	2.5	18,750	< RL	< RL	< RL
Boron (B)	mg/kg	10	15,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/kg	1	17	< RL	< RL	< RL
Chromium III (Cr(III))	mg/kg	10	460	< RL	< RL	< RL
Chromium VI (Cr(VI))	mg/kg	0.045	0.053	< RL	< RL	< RL
Cobalt (Co)	mg/kg	2.5	130	< RL	< RL	< RL
Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	2.5	7,700	< RL	3.0	14.6
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	2.5	23	< RL	< RL	< RL
Manganese (Mn)	mg/kg	2.5	15,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg	2.5	94	< RL	< RL	< RL
Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	2.5	930	< RL	< RL	< RL
Selenium (Se)	mg/kg	10	460	< RL	< RL	< RL
Strontium (Sr)	mg/kg	2.5	56,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Tin (Sn)	mg/kg	1.0	180,000	< RL	< RL	< RL
Organic Tin [^]	mg/kg	0.2	12	-	-	-
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	10	46,000	< RL	11	< RL
Mass of trace amount	mg	--	--	11	28	-

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- mg denotes milligram
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Test Result:

Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Test No.	T013
			Material No.	M034
			Regulatory Requirement	Result
Aluminium (Al)	mg/kg	10	28,130	< RL
Antimony (Sb)	mg/kg	5	560	< RL
Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	5	47	< RL
Barium (Ba)	mg/kg	2.5	18,750	< RL
Boron (B)	mg/kg	10	15,000	< RL
Cadmium (Cd)	mg/kg	1	17	< RL
Chromium III (Cr(III))	mg/kg	10	460	< RL
Chromium VI (Cr(VI))	mg/kg	0.045	0.053	< RL
Cobalt (Co)	mg/kg	2.5	130	< RL
Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	2.5	7,700	45.7
Lead (Pb)	mg/kg	2.5	23	< RL
Manganese (Mn)	mg/kg	2.5	15,000	< RL
Mercury (Hg)	mg/kg	2.5	94	< RL
Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	2.5	930	< RL
Selenium (Se)	mg/kg	10	460	< RL
Strontium (Sr)	mg/kg	2.5	56,000	< RL
Tin (Sn)	mg/kg	1.0	180,000	32.4
Organic Tin [^]	mg/kg	0.2	12	< RL
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	10	46,000	< RL
Mass of trace amount	mg	--	--	-

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- mg/kg denotes milligram per kilogram
- mg denotes milligram
- [^] denotes Organic tin are not necessary to be determined when the Tin concentration is less than calculated limit (3.6 mg/kg) or the components were confirmed to be pure metal

Remark:

- * Categorization of toys materials is based on the material texture. According to point H.11 of Annex H to EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021 / BS EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021 , cosmetic materials with dry, brittle, powder like or pliable texture such as lipstick and eyeshadow are considered as category I materials. However, as a reminder, it cannot preclude the possibility that some national enforcement authorities might take a more stringent action to treat cosmetic materials as sticky and evaluate according to category II requirement as they are intended to be applied on skin and retained for long time.
- ** For any test portion containing grease, oil, wax or similar material, such materials would has been removed with isoctane by using Soxhlet extraction.
- **** The highlighted result was found to be more than the maximum permissible limit.
- ***** According to EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021, if the weight of a test portion of toy material is less than 10mg, the analysis of migration of certain elements would not be required. If the weight of a test portion of toy material is between 10mg and 100mg, the analytical results would be calculated as though 100mg of the test portion had been used.

Organic tin content
Test Method: EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021, analyzed by GC-MS

		Test No.	T006	T013
		Material No.	M007	M034
Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Result	Result
MeT (Methyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
DMT (Dimethyltin Cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
BuT (Butyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
DBT (Dibutyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
TBT (Tributyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
TeBT (Tetrabutyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
MOT (Monooctyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
DOT (Dioctyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
DProT (Dipropyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
TcyT (Tricyclohexyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
DPhT (Diphenyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
TPhT (Triphenyltin cation)	mg/kg	0.2	< RL	< RL
Sum of Organic tin cations	mg/kg	NA	< RL	< RL
Category	NA	NA	3	3
Limit	mg/kg	NA	12	12

Remark:

- * According to Annex G of EN 71-3:2019+A1:2021, the sum of migration of organic tin shall not exceed the migration limits as below:

Category	Category I	Category II	Category III
Scope	Dry, brittle, powder-like or pliable toy materials	Liquid or sticky toy materials	Scraped-off toy materials
Limit	0.9mg/kg	0.2mg/kg	12mg/kg

3.Total Lead and Cadmium Content

Test Method: Acid digestion, analyzed by ICP-OES

Test result:

Test No.	Material No.	Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Test Result
T001	M002 + M003 + M004	Lead	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	< RL
T002	M005 + M006 + M007	Lead	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	< RL
T003	M008 + M009 + M010	Lead	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	< RL
T004	M011 + M012	Lead	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	< RL
T005	M013	Lead	mg/kg	10	72
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	12
T006	M014 + M015 + M016	Lead	mg/kg	10	11
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	24
T007	M017 + M018 + M019	Lead	mg/kg	10	27
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	< RL
T008	M020	Lead	mg/kg	10	75
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	20
T010	M024 + M025 + M026	Lead	mg/kg	10	31
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	< RL
T011	M021	Lead	mg/kg	10	25
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	29
T012	M022	Lead	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	43
T013	M023	Lead	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Cadmium	mg/kg	10	62

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 mg/kg = milligram per kilogram
 1% = 10000 mg/kg

Remark:

- * Requirements for Cadmium content according to Annex XVII Entry 23 of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) and its amendments
- Mixtures and articles produced from plastic material < 0.01 % (100 mg/kg)
 - Coated / painted articles < 0.1 % (1000 mg/kg)
 - Jewellery components < 0.01 % (100 mg/kg)
 - Paints and varnishes (excluding the applicable exemptions) < 0.01 % (100 mg/kg)
- Swiss requirements for cadmium content according to the Switzerland Chemikalien-Risikoreduktions-Verordnung- ChemRRV, 814.81
- Mixtures and articles produced from plastic material < 0.01 % (100 mg/kg)
 - Articles / objects treated with paints / coating with cadmium is prohibited
 - Paints and varnishes < 0.01 % (100 mg/kg)
- ** Requirements for Lead content according to Annex XVII Entry 63 of Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH) and its amendments:
- Jewellery, imitation jewellery, hair accessories, bracelets, necklaces , rings, piercing jewellery, wrist watches, wrist-wear, brooches and cufflinks and parts used for jewellery-making < 0.05%
 - Articles supplied to the general public during normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, be placed in the mouth by children < 0.05%. The limit shall not apply where it can be demonstrated that the rate of lead release from such an article or any such accessible part of an article, whether coated or uncoated, does not exceed 0,05 µg/cm² per hour (equivalent to 0,05 µg/g/h), and, for coated articles, that the coating is sufficient to ensure that this release rate is not exceeded for a period of at least two years of normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use of the article.

4.Total Lead

Test Method: Acid digestion, analyzed by ICP-OES / AAS

Test result:

Test No.	Material No.	Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Customer's Requirement	Test Result
T001	M002 + M003 + M004	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	< RL
T002	M005 + M006 + M007	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	< RL
T003	M008 + M009 + M010	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	< RL
T004	M011 + M012	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	< RL
T005	M013	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	72
T006	M014 + M015 + M016	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	11
T007	M017 + M018 + M019	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	27
T008	M020	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	75
T009	M021 + M022 + M023	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	11
T011	M024	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	20
T012	M025	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	33
T013	M026	Lead Content	mg/kg	10	100	15

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5.Packaging Waste Total Heavy Metal Content - 94/62/EC

Test Method: Sample digestion, analyzed by ICP-OES / Ultraviolet Visible Spectrophotometer (UV-Vis)

Result:

Test No.	Material No.	Test Parameters	Unit	RL	Regulatory Requirement	Result	Conclusion
T001	M035	Pb	mg/kg	10	-	< RL	-
		Cd	mg/kg	10	-	< RL	-
		Cr (VI)	mg/kg	10	-	< RL	-
		Hg	mg/kg	10	-	< RL	-
		Sum of Pb, Cd, Cr(VI) and Hg	mg/kg	10	100	<RL	Pass
T002	M036	Pb	mg/kg	10	-	< RL	-
		Cd	mg/kg	10	-	< RL	-
		Cr (VI)	mg/kg	10	-	< RL	-
		Hg	mg/kg	10	-	< RL	-
		Sum of Pb, Cd, Cr(VI) and Hg	mg/kg	10	100	<RL	Pass

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Remark:

** According to "European Parliament and Council Directive 94/62/EC of 20 December 1994"; the maximum permissible limit of the sum of the concentration of Lead, Cadmium, Mercury and Hexavalent Chromium is 100ppm.

*** Single element with an amount of less than reporting limit were not considered by the calculation of the sum. In the case of all elements were less than reporting limit, the result is stated < RL.

6. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)

Test Method: Organic solvent extraction, GCMS

				Test No.	T001(*1)	T002(*1)	T003(*1)
				Material No.	M002	M003	M004
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result	Result	Result
Benzo[a]anthracene (BaA)	56-55-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[a]pyrene (BaP)	50-32-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[b]fluoranthene (BbFA)	205-99-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkFA)	207-08-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[j]fluoranthene (BjFA)	205-82-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[e]pyrene (BeP)	192-97-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Chrysene (CHR)	218-01-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (DBAhA)	53-70-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-

				Test No.	T004(*1)	T005(*1)	T006(*1)
				Material No.	M005	M006	M007
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result	Result	Result
Benzo[a]anthracene (BaA)	56-55-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[a]pyrene (BaP)	50-32-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[b]fluoranthene (BbFA)	205-99-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkFA)	207-08-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[j]fluoranthene (BjFA)	205-82-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[e]pyrene (BeP)	192-97-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Chrysene (CHR)	218-01-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (DBAhA)	53-70-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-

				Test No.	T007(*1)	T008(*1)	T009(*1)
				Material No.	M008	M009	M010
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result	Result	Result
Benzo[a]anthracene (BaA)	56-55-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[a]pyrene (BaP)	50-32-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[b]fluoranthene (BbFA)	205-99-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkFA)	207-08-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[j]fluoranthene (BjFA)	205-82-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Benzo[e]pyrene (BeP)	192-97-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Chrysene (CHR)	218-01-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (DBAhA)	53-70-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-	-

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Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Test No.	T010(*1)	T011(*1)
				Material No.	M011	M012
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result	Result
Benzo[a]anthracene (BaA)	56-55-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[a]pyrene (BaP)	50-32-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[b]fluoranthene (BbFA)	205-99-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[k]fluoranthene (BkFA)	207-08-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[j]fluoranthene (BjFA)	205-82-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[e]pyrene (BeP)	192-97-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Chrysene (CHR)	218-01-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene (DBAhA)	53-70-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-

Abbreviation: < = less than
 RL = Reporting Limit
 NA = Not Applicable
 mg/kg = milligram per kilogram

Remark:

* Requirement according to REACH regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 with Amendment No. 552/2009 Annex XVII Item No. 50 and (EU) No.1272/2013, are summarized as below:

Scope	Parameter	Unit	Maximum permissible limit
Articles with direct as well as prolonged or short-term repetitive contact with the human skin or the oral cavity, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, made of plastic and rubber shall follow below limit:			
Such articles include amongst others: ---sport equipment such as bicycles, golf clubs, racquets ---household utensils, trolleys, walking frames --- tools for domestic use --- clothing, footwear, gloves and sportswear ---watch-straps, wrist-bands, masks, head-bands	Each of 8 listed PAHs	mg/kg	1
Toys, including activity toys, and childcare articles	Each of 8 listed PAHs	mg/kg	0.5

*1 The weight of test portion was less than 50mg, so the test was not performed.

7. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) according to GS Specification - AfPS GS 2019:01 PAK

Test Method: AfPS GS 2019:01 PAK

Test Result:

Test No.				T001(*1)	T002(*1)	T003(*1)
Material No.				M002	M003	M004
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result	Result
Anthracene	120-12-7	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[a]anthracene	56-55-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[a]pyrene(BaP)	50-32-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	205-99-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	207-08-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[j]fluoranthene	205-82-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	191-24-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[e]pyrene	192-97-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Chrysene	218-01-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	53-70-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Fluoranthene	206-44-0	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	193-39-5	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Naphthalene	91-20-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Phenanthrene	85-01-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Pyrene	129-00-0	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Sum of, Anthracene, Fluoranthene, Phenanthrene, Pyrene	-	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Sum of 15 PAHs	-	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Category*	-	--	-	1	1	1
Conclusion				NO COMMENT	NO COMMENT	NO COMMENT

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Test No.				T004(*1)	T005(*1)	T006(*1)
Material No.				M005	M006	M007
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result	Result
Anthracene	120-12-7	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[a]anthracene	56-55-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[a]pyrene(BaP)	50-32-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	205-99-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	207-08-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[j]fluoranthene	205-82-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	191-24-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[e]pyrene	192-97-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Chrysene	218-01-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	53-70-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Fluoranthene	206-44-0	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	193-39-5	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Naphthalene	91-20-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Phenanthrene	85-01-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Pyrene	129-00-0	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Sum of, Anthracene, Fluoranthene, Phenanthrene, Pyrene	-	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Sum of 15 PAHs	-	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Category*	-	--	-	1	1	1
Conclusion				NO COMMENT	NO COMMENT	NO COMMENT

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Test No.				T007(*1)	T008(*1)	T009(*1)
Material No.				M008	M009	M010
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result	Result
Anthracene	120-12-7	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[a]anthracene	56-55-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[a]pyrene(BaP)	50-32-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	205-99-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	207-08-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[j]fluoranthene	205-82-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	191-24-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Benzo[e]pyrene	192-97-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Chrysene	218-01-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	53-70-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Fluoranthene	206-44-0	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	193-39-5	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Naphthalene	91-20-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Phenanthrene	85-01-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Pyrene	129-00-0	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Sum of, Anthracene, Fluoranthene, Phenanthrene, Pyrene	-	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Sum of 15 PAHs	-	mg/kg	0.2	-	-	-
Category*	-	--	-	1	1	1
Conclusion				NO COMMENT	NO COMMENT	NO COMMENT

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Test No.				T010(*1)	T011(*1)
Material No.				M011	M012
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result
Anthracene	120-12-7	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Benzo[a]anthracene	56-55-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Benzo[a]pyrene(BaP)	50-32-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	205-99-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	207-08-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Benzo[j]fluoranthene	205-82-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	191-24-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Benzo[e]pyrene	192-97-2	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Chrysene	218-01-9	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	53-70-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Fluoranthene	206-44-0	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	193-39-5	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Naphthalene	91-20-3	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Phenanthrene	85-01-8	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Pyrene	129-00-0	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Sum of, Anthracene, Fluoranthene, Phenanthrene, Pyrene	-	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Sum of 15 PAHs	-	mg/kg	0.2	-	-
Category*	-	--	-	1	1
Conclusion				NO COMMENT	NO COMMENT

Abbreviation: < = less than
 RL = Reporting Limit
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 mg/kg = milligram per kilogram

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Remark:

* PAH maximum permissible limits requirement from the GS-Mark Approval published by the German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA)

Parameter	Unit	Category 1	Category 2		Category 3	
		Materials intended to be placed into the mouth, or Materials in toys or articles for children up to 3 years of age with intended long-term skin contact (more than 30 s)	Materials that do not fall into Category 1 with intended or foreseeable long-term skin contact (more than 30 s) or repeated short-term skin contact	Cat. 2a Use by children	Cat. 2b Other consumer products	Cat. 3a Use by children
		-				
Benzo[a]pyrene(BaP)	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Benzo[e]pyrene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Benzo[a]anthracene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Benzo[j]fluoranthene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Chrysene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Dibenzo[a,h]anthracene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Benzo[g,h,i]perylene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Indeno[1,2,3-cd]pyrene	mg/kg	<0.2	<0.2	<0.5	<0.5	<1
Naphthalene	mg/kg	<1	<2	<2	<10	<10
Sum of Anthracene Fluoranthene Phenanthrene Pyrene	mg/kg	<1	<5	<10	<20	<50
Sum of 15 PAHs	mg/kg	<1	<5	<10	<20	<50

Limit: Specific evaluation required according to type of foreseeable use.

The definition of "child" means persons before the age of 14 years. "Use by children" includes both active and passive direct contact by children.

** Single components with an amount of <0.2 mg/kg were not considered by the calculation of the sum. In the case of all 15 PAHs were not detected, the result is stated < RL

*1 The weight of test portion was less than 50mg, so the test was not performed.

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8. Phthalates content

Test Method: Ref. to CPSC-CH-C1001-09.4

Test Result:

				Test No.	T001	T002	T003
				Material No.	M002 + M003 + M004	M005 + M006 + M007	M008 + M009 + M010
Test Parameter	CAS NO	Unit	RL	Result	Result	Result	
Diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP)	117-81-7	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)	84-74-2	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Benzylbutyl phthalate (BBP)	85-68-7	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)	84-69-5	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Sum (DEHP+DBP+BBP+DIBP)	-	%	0.01	<RL	<RL	<RL	
Diisononyl phthalate (DINP)	28553-12-0, 68515-48-0	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP)	26761-40-0, 68515-49-1	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP)	117-84-0	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Sum (DINP+ DIDP+ DNOP)	--	%	0.01	<RL	<RL	<RL	
Di-n-pentyl phthalate (DnPP)	131-18-0	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Di-n-hexyl phthalate (DnHP)	84-75-3	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP)	84-61-7	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Diisopentyl phthalate (DiPP)	605-50-5	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
n-Pentyl-isopentyl phthalate	776297-69-9	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Di(methoxyethyl) phthalate (DMEP)	117-82-8	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-8-branched alkyl esters, C7-rich (DIHP)	71888-89-6	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C7-11-branched and linear alkyl esters (DHNUP)	68515-42-4	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dipentylester, branched and linear	84777-06-0	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dihexyl ester, branched and linear	68515-50-4	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-10-alkyl esters; 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, mixed decyl and hexyl and octyl diesters with ≥ 0.3% of dihexyl phthalate (CAS No.: 84-75-3)	68515-51-5 68648-93-1	%	0.01	< RL	< RL	< RL	
Conclusion: Customer's requirement				Pass	Pass	Pass	

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Test Parameter	CAS NO	Test No.		T004
		Unit	RL	M011 + M012
Diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP)	117-81-7	%	0.01	< RL
Dibutyl phthalate (DBP)	84-74-2	%	0.01	< RL
Benzylbutyl phthalate (BBP)	85-68-7	%	0.01	< RL
Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)	84-69-5	%	0.01	< RL
Sum (DEHP+DBP+BBP+DIBP)	-	%	0.01	<RL
Diisononyl phthalate (DINP)	28553-12-0, 68515-48-0	%	0.01	< RL
Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP)	26761-40-0, 68515-49-1	%	0.01	< RL
Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP)	117-84-0	%	0.01	< RL
Sum (DINP+ DIDP+ DNOP)	--	%	0.01	<RL
Di-n-pentyl phthalate (DnPP)	131-18-0	%	0.01	< RL
Di-n-hexyl phthalate (DnHP)	84-75-3	%	0.01	< RL
Dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP)	84-61-7	%	0.01	< RL
Diisopentyl phthalate (DiPP)	605-50-5	%	0.01	< RL
n-Pentyl-isopentyl phthalate	776297-69-9	%	0.01	< RL
Di(methoxyethyl) phthalate (DMEP)	117-82-8	%	0.01	< RL
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-8-branched alkyl esters, C7-rich (DIHP)	71888-89-6	%	0.01	< RL
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C7-11-branched and linear alkyl esters (DHNUP)	68515-42-4	%	0.01	< RL
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dipentylester, branched and linear	84777-06-0	%	0.01	< RL
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dihexyl ester, branched and linear	68515-50-4	%	0.01	< RL
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-10-alkyl esters; 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, mixed decyl and hexyl and octyl diesters with ≥ 0.3% of dihexyl phthalate (CAS No.: 84-75-3)	68515-51-5 68648-93-1	%	0.01	< RL
Conclusion: Customer's requirement				Pass

Abbreviation: < = less than
 RL = Reporting Limit
 % = percentage

Remark:

- According to customer instruction, the maximum permissible limits of phthalates are as follows:

Parameter	Unit	Maximum Permissible Limit
Sum of Dibutyl phthalate (DBP), Benzylbutyl phthalate (BBP), Diethylhexyl phthalate (DEHP) and Diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP)	%	0.1
Sum of Di-n-octyl phthalate (DNOP), Diisodecyl phthalate (DIDP) and Diisononyl phthalate (DINP)	%	0.1
Di-n-pentyl phthalate (DnPP)	%	0.1
Di-n-hexyl phthalate (DnHP)	%	0.1
Dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP)	%	0.1
Diisopentyl phthalate (DiPP)	%	0.1
n-Pentyl-isopentyl phthalate	%	0.1
Di(methoxyethyl) phthalate (DMEP)	%	0.1
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-8-branched alkyl esters, C7-rich (DIHP)	%	0.1
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C7-11 branched and linear alkyl ester (DHNUP)	%	0.1
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dipentylester, branched and linear	%	0.1
1,2-Benzenedicarboxylic acid, dihexyl ester, branched and linear	%	0.1
1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, di-C6-10-alkyl esters; 1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, mixed decyl and hexyl and octyl diesters with $\geq 0.3\%$ of dihexyl phthalate	%	0.1

- Single component with an amount below reporting limit was not considered by the calculation of the sum.

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9. Nickel Release

Test Method: Nickel - According to EN 12472:2020 & EN 1811:2023
The tests have been performed in succession.

Test Result :

Test No.	Material No.	Trial	Surface area (cm ²)	Test solution volume (ml)	Dilution volume (ml)	Nickel released (µg·cm ⁻² ·week ⁻¹)	RL (µg·cm ⁻² ·week ⁻¹)
T005	M029	1	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		2	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		3	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		4	3.55	4	10	0.05	0.05
		5	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		6	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
T008	M032	1	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		2	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		3	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		4	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		5	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05
		6	3.55	4	10	< RL	0.05

Abbreviation: < = less than
 RL = Reporting Limit
 ml = milliliters
 cm² = square centimeters
 µg·cm⁻²·week⁻¹ = micrograms per square centimeter per week (µg/cm²/week)

Remark:

Directive	Item	Maximum Permissible Limit (µg/cm ² /week of nickel migration)
REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 and amendment (EC) No. 552/2009 Annex XVII Item 27 (formerly known as 94/27/EC and 2004/96/EC)	Products intended to come into direct and prolonged contact with skin	0.5
	All post assemblies which are inserted into pierced ears and other pierced parts of the human body	0.2

- *1 The sample of trial 1, 2 and 3 were tested according to EN 1811:2023
- *2 The sample of trial 4, 5 and 6 were tested according to EN 12472:2020 & EN 1811:2023

Sample Photos



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General Terms and Conditions of Business of TÜV Rheinland in Greater China

1. Scope

1.1 These General Terms and Conditions of Business of TÜV Rheinland in Greater China ("GTBCB") is made between the client and the provider of TÜV Rheinland in Greater China as applicable as the case may be ("TÜV Rheinland"). The Greater China here refers to the regions within the territories of China. The client hereby indicates:

(i) a natural person capable to form legally binding contracts under the applicable laws who concludes the contract for the purpose of the use of TÜV Rheinland in Greater China, or

(ii) the incorporated or unincorporated entity duly organized, validly existing and capable to form legally binding contracts under the applicable law.

1.2 The following terms and conditions apply to agreed services including consultancy services, information, deliveries and similar services as well as ancillary services and other secondary obligations provided within the scope of contract performance.

1.3 Any standard terms and conditions of the client if any nature shall not apply and shall hereby be expressly excluded. No standard contractual terms and conditions of the client shall form part of the contract even if TÜV Rheinland does not explicitly object to them.

1.4 In the context of an ongoing business relationship with the client, this GTBCB shall also apply to future contracts with the client without TÜV Rheinland having to refer to them separately in each individual case.

2. Quotations

2.1 Unless otherwise agreed, all quotations submitted by TÜV Rheinland can be changed by TÜV Rheinland without notice prior to its acceptance and confirmation by the other party.

3. Coming into effect and duration of contracts

3.1 The contract shall come into effect for the agreed terms upon the quotation letter of TÜV Rheinland or a separate contractual document being signed by both contracting parties, or upon the receipt requested by the client being carried out by TÜV Rheinland. If the client instructs TÜV Rheinland without receiving a quotation from TÜV Rheinland (quotation), TÜV Rheinland is, in its sole discretion, entitled to accept the order by giving written notice of such acceptance (including notice sent via electronic means) or by performing the requested services.

3.2 The contract term starts upon the coming into effect of the contract in accordance with article 3.1 and shall continue for the term agreed in the contract.

3.3 If the contract provides for an extension of the contract term, the contract term will be extended by the term provided for in the contract and shall be terminated in writing by either party with a three-month notice prior to the end of the contractual term.

4. Scope of services

4.1 The scope and type of the services to be provided by TÜV Rheinland shall be specified in the contractually agreed service scope of TÜV Rheinland by both parties. If no such separate service scope of TÜV Rheinland exists, then the written confirmation of order by TÜV Rheinland shall be decisive for the services to be provided. Unless otherwise agreed, services beyond the scope of the service description (e.g. checking of the contract, parts, products, installations, organizations not listed in the service description, as well as the intended use and application of such) are not covered. In particular, no responsibility is assumed for the design, selection of materials, construction or intended use of an examined part, product, process or plant, unless this is expressly stated in the order.

4.2 The agreed services shall be performed in compliance with the regulations in force at the time the contract is entered into.

4.3 TÜV Rheinland is entitled to determine, in its sole discretion, the method and nature of the assessment unless otherwise agreed in writing or if mandatory provisions require a specific procedure to be followed.

4.4 On execution of the work there shall be no simultaneous assumption of any guarantee of the correctness (proper quality) and working order of either tested or examined parts nor of the installation as a whole or its upstream and/or downstream processes, organizations, use and application in accordance with regulations, nor of the systems on which the installation is based. In particular, TÜV Rheinland shall assume no responsibility for the construction, selection of design, installation or maintenance of the installations examined, nor for their use and application in accordance with regulations, unless these questions are expressly covered by the contract.

4.5 In the case of inspection work, TÜV Rheinland shall not be responsible for the accuracy or checking of the safety programmes or safety regulations on which the inspections are based, unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing.

4.6 If mandatory legal regulations and standards or official requirements for the agreed service scope change after conclusion of the contract, with a written notice to the client, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to additional remuneration for resulting additional expenses.

4.7 The services to be provided by TÜV Rheinland under the contract are agreed exclusively with the client. A contract of third parties with the services of TÜV Rheinland, as well as making available of and justifying confidence in the work results (test reports and test results, expert reports, etc.) is not part of the agreed services. This also applies if the client passes on work results - in full or in part - to third parties in accordance with clause 11.4.

4.8 The client understands and agrees that in order to perform the contract with TÜV Rheinland, the client may need to sign one or more contracts/agreements with a/more third party(ies) and establish legal relationships with those third party(ies) according to such contracts/agreements. TÜV Rheinland is not liable for the legal consequences of such contracts/agreements according to this contract and the direct services actually to be provided by our company in the service process. If the relevant services are not directly provided by TÜV Rheinland (including but not limited to any testing and certification services) to be provided by third parties, TÜV Rheinland will provide the client as agent for such relevant services. In order to achieve the purpose of the contract, the client hereby agrees that TÜV Rheinland can also subcontract to a third party the services to be provided by TÜV Rheinland, including but not limited to any testing and certification services to be provided by any third parties (including but not limited to the testing and/or certification services to be entrusted and/or applied for by our company on behalf of the client or testing and/or certification services to be provided by any third parties) and the relevant laws and regulations and/or the terms under the contract. If the client is required to comply with any annual renewal/validity of the testing and certification services results and pay additional fees in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations or the testing and certification rules, such fees are not within the scope of the contract price, the client shall timely perform the obligation to pay the fees and/or to pay the corresponding fees. If the client fails to perform such obligations of the annual renewal/validity or fees payment, it may lead to adverse consequences such as failure/suspension/cancellation/invalidity of testing and/or certification results, which shall be borne by the client.

4.9 For the service contract agreed in the contract, if the client requires TÜV Rheinland to deliver relevant test samples, data, etc. to any overseas laboratory or other places or sites to be designated by the client, TÜV Rheinland shall not take any responsibility for any problems during such delivery and the transportation process (including but not limited to any loss or damages of the samples and/or the materials, etc.). Besides, the relevant freight fees shall be borne by the client.

5. Performance periods/dates

5.1 The contractually agreed periods/dates of performance are based on estimates of the work involved which are prepared in line with the details provided by the client. They shall only be binding if being confirmed as binding by TÜV Rheinland in writing.

5.2 If binding periods of performance have been agreed, these periods shall not commence until the client has submitted all required documents to TÜV Rheinland.

5.3 Articles 5.1 and 5.2 also apply, even without express agreement by the client, to all extensions of agreed periods/dates of performance not caused by TÜV Rheinland.

5.4 TÜV Rheinland is not responsible for a delay in performance, in particular if the client has not fulfilled his duties to cooperate with clause 6.1 or has not done so in time and, in particular, has not provided TÜV Rheinland with all documents and information required for the performance of the service as specified in the contract.

5.5 If the performance of TÜV Rheinland is delayed due to unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, strikes, business disruptions, governmental regulations, transport obstacles, etc., TÜV Rheinland is entitled to postpone performance for a reasonable period of time which corresponds at least to the duration of the hindrance plus any time period which may be required to resume performance.

5.6 If the client is obliged to comply with legal, officially prescribed and/or by the accreditor prescribed deadlines, in the form of public notices or public announcements by a reputable commercial bank in which enable the client to comply with the legal and/or officially prescribed deadlines, TÜV Rheinland assumes no responsibility in this respect unless TÜV Rheinland expressly agreed in writing specifically stating that ensuring the deadlines is the contractual obligation of TÜV Rheinland.

6. The client's obligation to cooperate

6.1 The client shall guarantee that all cooperation required on its part, its agents or third parties will be provided in good time and at no cost to TÜV Rheinland.

6.2 Design documents, supplies, auxiliary staff, etc. necessary for performance of the services shall be made available free of charge by the client. Moreover, collaborative action of the client must be undertaken in accordance with legal provisions, standards, safety regulations and accident prevention instructions. And the client represents and warrants that:

a) it has required statutory qualifications;

b) the product, service or management system to be certified complies with applicable laws and regulations; and

c) it doesn't have any legal and dishonest behaviours or is not included in the list of Enterprises with Serious Illegal and Dishonest Acts (People's Republic of China).

If the client breaches the aforesaid representations and warranties, TÜV Rheinland is entitled to immediately terminate the contract/order without prior notice; and ii) withdraw the issued testing reports/certificates if any.

6.3 The client shall bear any additional cost incurred on account of work having to be redone or being delayed as a result of late, incorrect or incomplete information provided by or lack of proper cooperation from the client. Even where a fixed or maximum price is agreed, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to charge extra fees for such additional expense.

7. Prices

7.1 If the scope of performance is not laid down in writing when the order is placed, invoicing shall be based on costs actually incurred. If no price is agreed in writing, invoicing shall be made in accordance with the price list of TÜV Rheinland valid at the time of performance.

7.2 Unless otherwise agreed, the price shall be payable in cash at the time of performance of the work.

7.3 If the execution of an order extends over more than one month and the value of the contract or the agreed fixed price exceeds €2,500.00 or equivalent value in local currency, TÜV Rheinland may demand payments on account or in instalments.

8. Payment terms

8.1 All invoice amounts shall be due for payment within 30 days of the invoice date without deduction on receipt of the invoice. No discounts and rebates shall be granted.

8.2 Payments shall be made to the bank account of TÜV Rheinland as indicated on the invoice, stating the invoice and client numbers.

8.3 In cases of default of payment, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to claim default interest at the applicable short term interest rate publicly announced by a reputable commercial bank in the country where TÜV Rheinland is located. At the same time, TÜV Rheinland reserves the right to claim further damages.

8.4 Should the client default in payment of the invoice despite being granted a reasonable grace period, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to cancel the contract, withdraw the certificate, claim damages for non-performance and refuse to continue performance of the contract.

8.5 The provisions set forth in article 8.4 shall also apply in cases involving returned cheques, cessation of payment, commencement of insolvency proceedings against the client's assets or cases in which the commencement of insolvency proceedings has been dismissed due to lack of assets.

8.6 Objections to the invoices of TÜV Rheinland shall be submitted in writing within two weeks of receipt of the invoice.

8.7 TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to demand appropriate advance payments.

8.8 TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to raise its fees at the beginning of a month if overheads and/or purchase costs have increased. In this case, TÜV Rheinland shall notify the client in writing of the rise in fees. This notification shall be issued one month prior to the date on which the rise in fees shall come into effect (period of notice of changes in fees). If the contract is terminated under 5% per contractual year, the client shall not have the right to terminate the contract. If the rise in fees exceeds 5% per contractual year, the client shall be entitled to terminate the contract by the end of the period of notice of changes in fees. If the contract is not terminated, the rise in fees shall be deemed to have been agreed upon by the time of the expiry of the notice period.

8.9 Only legally established and undisputed claims may be offset against payments by TÜV Rheinland.

8.10 TÜV Rheinland shall have the right at all times to set off any amount due or payable by the client, including but not limited to set-off against any past due by the client under any contracts, agreement and/or orders/quotations reached with TÜV Rheinland.

9. Acceptance of work

9.1 Any part of the work required or which is complete in itself may be presented by TÜV Rheinland for acceptance as an instalment. The client shall be obliged to accept it immediately.

9.2 If acceptance is required contractually agreed in an individual case, this shall be deemed to have taken place two (2) weeks after completion and handover of the work, unless the client refuses acceptance within this period stating at least one fundamental breach of contract by TÜV Rheinland.

9.3 The client is not entitled to refuse acceptance due to insignificant breach of contract by TÜV Rheinland.

9.4 If acceptance is excluded according to the nature of the work performance of TÜV Rheinland, the completion of the work shall take place.

9.5 During the Follow-Up stage, the client was unable to make use of the time windows provided for within the scope of a certification procedure for auditing/performance by TÜV Rheinland and the certificate is therefore to be withdrawn (e.g. performance of surveillance audits), or if the client cancels or postpones a confirmed audit (e.g. performance of surveillance audits), TÜV Rheinland is entitled to immediately charge a lump-sum compensation of 10% of the order amount as compensation for expenses. The client reserves the right to prove that the TÜV Rheinland has incurred no damage whatsoever or only a considerably lower damage than the above lump sum.

9.6 Insofar as the client has undertaken in the contract to accept services, TÜV Rheinland shall also be entitled to claim the same damages in the event of damages in the form of a lump-sum compensation for expenses if the service is not called within one year after the order has been placed. The client reserves the right to prove that the TÜV Rheinland has incurred no damage whatsoever or only a considerably lower damage than the above mentioned lump sum.

10. Confidentiality

10.1 For the purpose of these terms and conditions, "confidential information" means all know-how, trade secrets, documents, images, drawings, expertise, information, data, test results, reports, samples, project documents, pricing and financial information, customer and supplier information, and marketing technology applied, including but not limited to, but not restricted to, know-how or otherwise disclosed by one Party (the "disclosing party") to the other Party (the "receiving party"), in writing or orally, in printed or electronic form. Confidential information is expressly not the data and know-how or otherwise disclosed by the disclosing party to the receiving party, or not and not proprietary to the client) with the scope of the provision of services by TÜV Rheinland. TÜV Rheinland is entitled to store, use, further develop and pass on the data obtained in connection with the provision of services for the purposes of developing new services, improving services and analysing the provision of services. 10.2 The disclosing party shall mark all confidential information disclosed in written form as confidential before passing it onto the receiving party. The same applies to confidential information transmitted by e-mail. If confidential information is disclosed orally, the receiving party shall be appropriately informed in advance and the disclosing party shall confirm in writing the confidentiality nature of the information within five working days of oral disclosure. Where the disclosing party does not do so within the above period, the receiving party shall not take any confidentiality obligations hereunder towards such information. The client shall avoid using any third party platform and/or system (e.g. Wechat, etc.) authorized by TÜV Rheinland to disclose confidential information. The disclosing party shall send any confidential information to company email of TÜV Rheinland employees through its company email. If the client suffers from any losses or damages due to any theft or leakage of data caused by the adoption of the disclosing party's platform and/or data handling methods mentioned above, TÜV Rheinland shall be waived for any compensation liabilities.

10.3 All confidential information which the disclosing party transmits or otherwise discloses to the receiving party and which is created during performance of the contract shall be confidential and may only be used by the receiving party for the purposes of performing the contract, unless expressly otherwise agreed in writing by the disclosing party.

10.4 The client may not copy, distribute, publish or otherwise disclose by the receiving party, unless this is necessary for fulfilling the purpose of the contract or TÜV Rheinland is required to pass on confidential information, inspection reports or documentation to the government authorities, court, accreditation bodies or third parties and/or partners of the disclosing party, or if the client or indirect proposed purchasers, vendor manufacturers/whole equipment manufacturers, test standards or test requirements providers of the client's test products and/or certified products, etc.) that are involved in the performance of the contract. The disclosing party shall ensure that the receiving party with the same level of confidentiality as the receiving party must to protect its own confidential information, but never with a lesser level of confidentiality than that which is essential for the performance of the contract.

10.4 The receiving party may disclose any confidential information received from the disclosing party only to those of its employees who need this information to perform the services required for the fulfilment of the contract. The receiving party shall be obliged to ensure these employees to observe the same level of secrecy as set forth in this confidentiality clause.

10.5 Information for which the receiving party can furnish proof that:

a) it was generally known at the time of disclosure or has become general knowledge without violation of any confidentiality obligations by the disclosing party; or

b) it was disclosed to the receiving party by a third party entitled to disclose this information; or

c) the receiving party already possessed this information prior to disclosure by the disclosing party; or

d) the receiving party developed it itself, irrespective of disclosure by the disclosing party, shall not be deemed to constitute confidential information as defined in this confidentiality clause.

10.6 All confidential information shall remain the property of the disclosing party. The receiving party hereby agrees to immediately (i) return all confidential information, including all copies, to the disclosing party, and (ii) on request by the disclosing party, to destroy or delete all confidential information, including all copies, and to confirm the destruction of this confidential information to the disclosing party in writing, at any time if so requested by the disclosing party but at the latest and without special request after termination or expiry of the contract. This does not include reports and certificates issued for the client solely for the purpose of fulfilling the obligations under the contract, which shall remain with the client. However, TÜV Rheinland is entitled to make file copies of such reports, certificates and confidential information that forms the basis for preparing these reports and certificates in order to comply with the requirements of the contract and general documentation purposes required by laws, regulations and the requirements of working procedures of TÜV Rheinland.

10.7 From the start of the contract and for a period of three years after termination or expiry of the contract, the receiving party shall maintain strict secrecy of all confidential information and shall not disclose this information to any third parties or use it for itself.

Copyrights and rights of use, publications

11.1 TÜV Rheinland shall retain all exclusive copyrights in the reports, expert reports/opinions, test reports/results, results, calculations, presentations etc. prepared by TÜV Rheinland, unless otherwise agreed by the parties in a separate agreement. As the owner of the copyrights, TÜV Rheinland is free to grant other parties the right to use the work results for individual or all types of use ("right of use").

11.2 The client grants to TÜV Rheinland a simple, unlimited, non-transferable, non-sublicensable right of use to the contents of the work results produced within the scope of the contract, unless otherwise agreed by the parties in a separate agreement. The client may only use such reports, expert reports/opinions, test reports/results, results, calculations or presentations etc. prepared within the scope of the contract for the contractually agreed purpose.

11.3 The transfer of right of use of the generated work results regulated in clause 11.2 of the GTBCB is subject to full payment of the remuneration for the work results by the client.

11.4 The client may use work results only complete and unshortened. The client may only pass on the work results in full unless TÜV Rheinland has given its prior written consent to the partial passing on of work results.

11.5 Any publication or duplication of the work results for advertising purposes or any further use of the work results beyond the scope regulated in clause 11.2, and any quotation of the introduction of TÜV Rheinland shall be limited to (i) in the case of a contract with a fixed overall fee, three times the overall fee for the entire contract; (ii) in the case of a contract for an annually recurring services, the agreed annual fee; (iii) in the case of a contract expressly charged on a time and material basis, a maximum of 20,000 Euro or equivalent amount in local currency; and (iv) in the case of a framework agreement that provides for the possibility of placing individual orders, three times of the fee for the individual order under which the damages or losses have occurred. Notwithstanding the above, the client shall be liable for all damages or losses incurred according to the foregoing provisions exceeds 25 Million Euro or equivalent amount in local currency, the total and accumulated liability of TÜV Rheinland shall be only limited to and shall not exceed the said 25 Million Euro or equivalent amount in local currency.

11.6 The limitation of liability according to clause 11.5 shall not apply to damages and/or losses caused by malice, intent or gross negligence on the part of TÜV Rheinland or its vicarious agents. Such limitation shall not apply to damages for a person's death, the contractual or direct consequences involving a fundamental breach of contract, TÜV Rheinland will be liable even where minor negligence is involved. For this purpose, a "fundamental breach" is a breach of a material contractual obligation, the performance of which permits the due performance of the contract. Any claim for damages for a fundamental breach of contract shall be limited to the amount of damages reasonably foreseen as a possible consequence of such breach of contract at the time of the breach (reasonably foreseeable damages), unless any of the circumstances described in article 12.2 applies.

11.7 TÜV Rheinland shall not be liable for the acts of the personnel made available by the client to support TÜV Rheinland in the performance of its services or the contractual or direct consequences personnel made available is regarded as vicarious agent of TÜV Rheinland. If TÜV Rheinland is not liable for the acts of the personnel made available by the client under the foregoing provision, the client shall indemnify TÜV Rheinland against any claims made by third parties arising from in connection with such personnel's acts.

11.8 Unless otherwise contractually agreed in writing, TÜV Rheinland shall only be liable under the contract for damages caused by the personnel of TÜV Rheinland.

11.9 The limitation periods for claims for damages shall be based on statutory provisions.

11.10 None of the provisions of this article 12 changes the burden of proof to the disadvantage of the client.

13. Export control

13.1 When passing on the services provided by TÜV Rheinland or parts thereof to third parties in Greater China or other regions, the client must comply with the respectively applicable regulations of national and international export control law.

13.2 The performance of a contract with the client is subject to the proviso that there are no obstacles to performance due to national or international foreign trade legislations or embargos and/or

sanctions. In the event of a violation, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to terminate the contract with immediate effect and the client shall compensate for the losses incurred thereof by TÜV Rheinland.

14. Data protection notice

The client understands and agrees that TÜV Rheinland processes personal data (including but not limited to personal information) of the client and its related parties (including but not limited to the supplier of the client) for the purpose of performing this contract. The client confirms that it has obtained the prior consent of the data subject, which entitles TÜV Rheinland to access, use, or process the personal data that the client collected or processed by itself and transferred to TÜV Rheinland. For certain services, such as consultancy services, TÜV Rheinland may use and process the data in accordance with the relevant legal basis. If any personal data has been disclosed or transferred to any third party or any overseas party outside of the district in which the personal data was collected, the client also confirms that it has obtained the prior consent of the data subject. TÜV Rheinland will carry out cross-border data transmission and protect the data in compliance with the privacy and personal data security related laws and regulations in China and the local country. TÜV Rheinland will take measures to avoid any leakage, abuse, manipulation, damage or unauthorized access of personal data. The personal data will be deleted immediately as soon as a corresponding reason for deletion arises. Data subjects may exercise the following rights: right of information, right of decision, right of rectification, right of deletion, right of processing limitation, right of objection, right of data transferability. In addition, persons concerned by the data processing have the right to revoke their consent at any time with effect for the future, as well as the right to file a complaint with the competent data protection supervisory authority. For further details on the processing of personal data by TÜV Rheinland as the personal responsible or contract processor, please refer to the respective data protection information. You can contact the Group Data Protection Officer of TÜV Rheinland by e-mail at dataprotection@tuv.com or by post at the following address: TÜV Rheinland AG, c/o Group Data Protection Officer, Am Grauen Stein, 51106 Cologne, Germany.

15. Retention of test material and documentation

15.1 The test samples submitted by the client to TÜV Rheinland for testing will be scrapped following testing or will be returned to the client at the client's expense. The only exceptions are test samples, which are placed in storage on the basis of statutory regulations or of another agreement with the client.

15.2 Charges apply if the test samples are stored at the premises of TÜV Rheinland. The cost of placing a test sample into storage will be disclosed to the client in the quotation.

15.3 The client understands and agrees that TÜV Rheinland may be placed in storage at their premises, the relevant samples or documents must be made available to TÜV Rheinland upon request promptly and free of charge. If the client, in response to such a request, is incapable of making the samples or documents available for inspection, TÜV Rheinland may be placed in storage for material and pecuniary damage resulting from the respective testing and certification that is brought forward by the client against TÜV Rheinland shall be voided.

15.4 The client reserves the right to request the destruction of the test samples after the expiry of the test mark certificates or shall meet the applicable legal requirements for EU/EEA certificates of conformity and GS mark certificates.

15.5 The completed and dispatched of the test samples for storage on the client's premises are borne by the client. TÜV Rheinland will be liable for the loss of test samples or reference samples from the laboratories or warehouses of TÜV Rheinland only in case of gross negligence.

16. Termination of the contract

16.1 Notwithstanding clause 3.3 of the GTBCB, TÜV Rheinland and the client are entitled to terminate the contract in its entirety or, in the case of services, terminated in one or more of the combined parts of the contract individually and independently of the continuation of the remaining services with six (6) months' notice to the end of the contractually agreed term. The notice period shall be shortened to six (6) weeks in case TÜV Rheinland is prevented from performing the services due to a loss or suspension of its accreditation or notification.

16.2 For good cause, TÜV Rheinland may consider giving a written notice to the client to terminate the contract without being bound by any liabilities and/or claims for relevant service fees, but only for services provided by TÜV Rheinland due to the termination date of the contract. The aforesaid good causes includes but not limited to the following:

a) the client does not fulfil its obligations to TÜV Rheinland; or

b) the client misuses the certificate or certification mark or uses it in violation of the contract; or

c) the event of several consecutive delays in the payment of invoices; or

d) a substantial deterioration of the financial circumstances of the client occurs and as a result the payment claims of TÜV Rheinland under the contract are considerably endangered and TÜV Rheinland cannot reasonably be expected to continue the contractual relationship; or

e) in the event of any serious misrepresentation, be it by intentional fraud or grossly negligent behavior of the managers, employees or agents of the client;

f) if TÜV Rheinland, at its own expense beyond the control of TÜV Rheinland, is unable to continue or finalize the performance of the service, e.g. in case of force majeure, government interference, sanctions, loss of accreditation or notification, or other.

16.3 If the country/region in which the registration of the service project in the contract does not belong to the insurance coverage applicable to TÜV Rheinland, and TÜV Rheinland believes that there is a risk or some risks beyond its control to continue to perform the contract, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to terminate the contract with written notice to the client. In this case, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to a lump-sum claim for damages against the client if the conditions of a claim for damages exist. In this case, the client shall owe 15% of the remuneration to be paid until the end of the fixed contract term. The client shall be obliged to pay the lump-sum claim if it is proven that there is no damage or a considerably lower damage. TÜV Rheinland reserves the right to prove a considerably higher damage in individual cases.

16.4 TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to terminate the contract with written notice if the client has not been able to make use of the time windows for auditing /service provision provided by TÜV Rheinland within the scope of a certification procedure and the certificate therefore has to be withdrawn (for example during the performance of monitoring audits). Clause 16.3 applies accordingly.

17. Force Majeure

17.1 "Force Majeure" means the occurrence of an event or circumstance that prevents or impedes a Party from performing one or more of its contractual obligations under the contract, if and to the extent that that Party proves: (a) that such impediment is beyond its reasonable control; and (b) that it could not reasonably have avoided or overcome the event; and (c) that the effects of the impediment could not reasonably have been avoided or overcome by the affected Party.

17.2 In the absence of proof to the contrary, the following events affecting a Party shall be presumed to fulfill conditions (a) and (b) under paragraph 1.1 of this Clause: (i) war (whether declared or not), hostilities, invasion, act of foreign enemies, extensive military mobilization; (ii) civil war, riot, rebellion and revolts; (iii) strikes or other labour disturbances; (iv) acts of terrorism, sabotage or piracy; (iii) currency and trade restriction, embargo, sanction; (iv) act of authority whether lawful or unlawful, compliance with any law or governmental order, expropriation, seizure of works, requisition, nationalization; (v) plague, epidemic, natural disaster or extreme natural event; (vi) explosion, fire, destruction of equipment, prolonged break-down of transport, telecommunication, information system or energy; (vii) general labor disturbance such as boycott, strike and lock-out; (viii) slow-occupation of factories and premises.

17.3 The Party successfully invoking this Clause is relieved from its duty to perform its obligations under the contract from any liability in damages or from any other contractual remedy for breach of contract, from the time at which the impediment causes inability to perform, provided that the notice thereof is given without delay. If notice thereof is not given without delay, the relief is effective from the time at which notice thereof reaches the other Party. Where the effect of the impediment or event involved is temporary, the above provisions shall apply only as long as the impediment involved impedes performance of the affected Party. Where the duration of the impediment involved has the effect of substantially depriving the contracting Parties of what they were reasonably entitled to expect under the contract, the affected Party has the right to terminate the contract by notification within a reasonable period to the other Party. Unless otherwise agreed, the Parties expressly agree that the contract may be terminated by either Party if the duration of the impediment exceeds 120 days.

18. Hardship

18.1 The Parties are bound to perform their contractual duties even if events have rendered performance more onerous than could reasonably have been anticipated at the time of the conclusion of the contract.

18.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 1.1 of this Clause, where a Party proves that:

(a) the continued performance of its contractual duties has become excessively onerous due to an event beyond its reasonable control which it could not reasonably have been expected to have taken into account at the time of the conclusion of the contract; and that

(b) it could not reasonably have avoided or overcome the event or its consequences, the Parties are bound, within a reasonable time of the invocation of this Clause, to negotiate alternative contractual terms which reasonably allow to overcome the consequences of the event.

18.3 Where Clause 18.2 applies, but where the Parties have been unable to agree alternative contractual terms as provided in that paragraph, the Party invoking this Clause is entitled to terminate the contract, but cannot request adaptation by the judge or arbitrator without the agreement of the other Party.

19. Partial invalidity, written form, place of jurisdiction and dispute resolution

19.1 All amendments and supplements must be in writing in order to be effective. This also applies to amendments and supplements to this clause 17.1.

19.2 Should one or several of the provisions under the contract and/or these terms and conditions be or become ineffective, the contracting parties shall replace the invalid provision with a legally valid provision that comes closest to the content of the invalid provision in legal and commercial terms.

19.3 Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, the governing law of the contract and these terms and conditions shall be the law of the country in which the contract was concluded.

19.4 If TÜV Rheinland in question is legally registered and existing in the People's Republic of China, the contracting parties hereby agree that the contract and these terms and conditions shall be governed by the law of the People's Republic of China.

19.5 If TÜV Rheinland in question is legally registered and existing in Taiwan, the contracting parties hereby agree that the contract and these terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of Taiwan.

19.6 If TÜV Rheinland in question is legally registered and existing in Hong Kong, the contracting parties hereby agree that the contract and these terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of Hong Kong.

19.7 Any dispute in connection with the contract and these terms and conditions or the execution thereof shall be settled friendly through negotiations.

19.8 Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, no mediation or no agreement in respect of the extension of the negotiation period can be reached within two months of the arising of the dispute, the dispute shall be submitted:

(a) in the case of TÜV Rheinland in question being legally registered and existing in the People's Republic of China, to China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) to be settled by arbitration under the Arbitration Rules of CIETAC in force when the arbitration is submitted. The arbitration shall take place in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen or Chongqing as appropriately chosen by the claiming party;

(b) in the case of TÜV Rheinland in question being legally registered and existing in Taiwan, to Chinese Arbitration Association (CAA) to be settled by arbitration in accordance with its then current Rules of Arbitration. The arbitration shall take place in Taipei;

(c) in the case of TÜV Rheinland being legally registered and existing in Hong Kong, to Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) to be settled by arbitration under the arbitration rules of Administered Arbitration Rules in force when the Notice of Arbitration is submitted in accordance with these rules. The arbitration shall take place in Hong Kong.

19.9 The decision of the arbitration tribunal shall be final and binding on both parties. The arbitration fee shall be borne by the losing party.