



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding information on trade compliance and business activities of RST concerning Russia, Belarus, and the non-government-controlled areas of Ukraine.

At RST, we place great importance on adhering to all applicable trade sanctions and trade compliance controls. We ceased our sales activities in Russia at the onset of the Ukraine crisis. Since the conflict began, we no longer accept new orders for direct or indirect business in Russia and Belarus to fully comply with all sanctions. This policy remains in effect.

It's important to note that RST does not have major suppliers in Russia, Belarus, or Ukraine. Additionally, we establish clear expectations for our suppliers in our commercial agreements and our „Code of Conduct“ to fully comply with all relevant laws. You can find our Code of Conduct at the following link: [Link to the Code of Conduct](#)

Of course, we are aware of the new restrictions on iron and steel products introduced on June 23, 2023, by EU Regulation (EU) 2023/1214, amending Regulation No. 833/2014. In the context of our own supply chain review and practice, we ensure that we and our suppliers adhere to these new EU restrictions. Specifically, this means that even though we do not make direct purchases in the sanctioned countries, we work closely with our suppliers to ensure that no precursors from Russia are used in the production of our products.

Our relationship with you as our customer is of great importance, and we firmly believe that these measures underscore our ongoing commitment to conducting business in accordance with applicable trade sanctions and trade controls.

For further questions on this matter, please feel free to contact us at +49 (0) 5407/8766-0

Yours sincerely,

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