

Rolls-Royce Marine (Submarines): Potential For Silicone Cross Contamination.

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For the attention of the Managing Director and Quality Manager.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Scope:

All suppliers in receipt of a purchase order from Rolls-Royce Marine (Submarines).

Note: This NTS is similar to the requirements of **NTS 170**, which still remains applicable to all suppliers operating in accordance with Rolls-Royce approval and / or purchase order requirements, however this NTS has been introduced to bring this requirement to the specific attention of the Rolls-Royce Marine (Submarines) Supply Chain.

Background:

Rolls-Royce Marine (Submarines) has been advised by one of our major customers that a potential cross-contamination hazard may exist as a result of personnel wearing rubber wristbands containing free silicone.

We have received reports that silicone from these wristbands is prone to leaching in contact with other surfaces and can adversely affect stainless steels.

Wristbands of the type widely promoted in support of charities etc have been highlighted as being particularly prone to this type of leaching and subsequent cross contamination.

Action Required:

Rolls-Royce do not wish to discourage the support of charities however, in light of the potential serious consequences of any cross contamination as a result of the wearing of these wristbands, we would ask that no such wristbands are worn by any individuals who may be involved in the manufacturing lifecycle, from goods receipt through to packaging and despatch, of Rolls-Royce Marine (Submarines) product.

Please cascade the contents of this NTS within your company / personnel.

Any questions pertaining to this NTS should be directed to the undersigned at david.grainger@Rolls-Royce.com

**Yours faithfully,
For Rolls-Royce plc.**



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