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Client: MID OCEAN BRANDS B.V.

Contact Information: 7/F., Kings Tower, 111 King Lam Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Manufacturer's name: 116428

**Identification/
Model No(s):** Product name: RECYCLED ALUMINIUM PEN
MO6560, MO6561

Sample obtaining method: Sending by customer

Condition at delivery: Test item complete and undamaged.

Sample Receiving date: 2022-03-21; 2022-04-26

Testing Period: 2022-03-23 to 2022-04-27

Place of testing: Chemical laboratory Shenzhen

Test Specification:	Test result:
1. Total Cadmium Content - REACH regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Annex XVII Item 23 and its amendments (EC) No. 552/2009, (EU) No. 494/2011, (EU) No. 835/2012 and (EU) No. 217/2016.	PASS
2. REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006, the last amendment (EU) 2015/628 entry 63 of Annex XVII - Total Lead Content	PASS

Other information:

- (1) Information provided by customer:
Country of Origin: CHINA
Sales Destination: EUROPE

For and on behalf of
TÜV Rheinland (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.



2022-04-28

Lucy Wang / Senior Technical Executive

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.

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Material List:
 Item: Product name: RECYCLED ALUMINIUM PEN
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Material No.	Material	Color	Location
M001	Coating	Bright black	Refer to photo
M002	Coating	Royal blue	Refer to photo
M003	Metal	Silver	Refer to photo
M004	Coating	Deep grey	Refer to photo
M005	Plastic	Black	Refer to photo
M006	Metal	Bright silver	Refer to photo
M007	Plastic+Metal	Off white/bright silver	Refer to photo
M008	Plastic	Black	Refer to photo
M010	Plastic	White	Refer to photo
M011	Plastic	White	Refer to photo
M012	Ink	Blue	Refer to photo
M013	Plastic	Light blue	Refer to photo
M014	Plastic	Pale white	Refer to photo
M015	Metal	Silver	Refer to photo
M016	Coating	Matt black	Refer to photo
M017	Coating	Matt royal blue	Refer to photo
M018'-b	Paint	Matt deep grey	Refer to photo
M019	Metal	Silver	Refer to photo
M020	Plastic	White	Refer to photo
M022	Plastic	White	Refer to photo
M023	Ink	Deep blue	Refer to photo
M024	Plastic	Brown	Refer to photo

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1.Total Cadmium Content

Test Method: For plastic: EN 1122:2001 (method B)
For metal and other material: Acid digestion, analyzed by AAS/ ICP-OES

Test Result:

Test No.	Material No.	Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Test Result
T001	M001 + M002 + M004	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-
T002	M016 + M017	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-
T003	M005 + M008 + M010	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-
T004	M011 + M013 + M014	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-
T005	M022	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-
T006	M012 + M023	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-
T007	M007	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-
T008	M020 + M024	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-
T010	M018'-b	Trial 1	mg/kg	10	< RL
		Trial 2	mg/kg	10	-
		Average	mg/kg	10	-

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

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Remark:

*Regulations on Cadmium

		Maximum Permissible Limit				
EU	Legislation	Plastic materials	Paint (wet state)	Paint on the painted articles	Paint (high zinc content)	Metal parts of jewellery and imitation jewellery articles and hair accessories
EC	REACH regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 Annex XVII Item 23 and its amendments (EC) No. 552/2009, (EU) No. 494/2011, (EU) No. 835/2012 and (EU) No. 217/2016.	100mg/kg	100mg/kg	1000mg/kg	1000mg/kg	100mg/kg

		Maximum Permissible Limit
Country	Legislation	Paint, plastic, plating/ coating of surface treatment
Switzerland	Switzerland Chemikalien-Risikoreduktions-Verordnung-ChemRRV, 814.81, 18 May 2005	100mg/kg

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2.Total Lead

Test Method: CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3, CPSC-CH-E1002-08.3 and CPSC-CH-E1003-09.1 (Microwave method)

Test result:

Test No.	Material No.	Test Parameter	Unit	RL	Regulatory Requirement	Test Result
T001	M001 + M002 + M004	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T003	M005 + M008 + M010	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T004	M011 + M013 + M014	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T005	M022	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T006	M012 + M023	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T007	M007	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	0.002
T010	M003	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T011	M006	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T012	M015	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T013	M019	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T014	M016	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T015	M017	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL
T018	M018'-b	Lead Content	%	0.001	0.05	< RL

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 % = percentage

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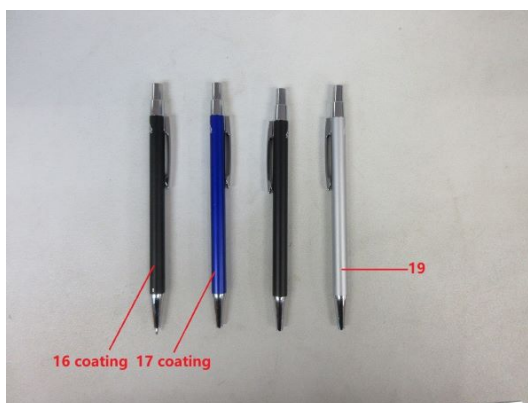
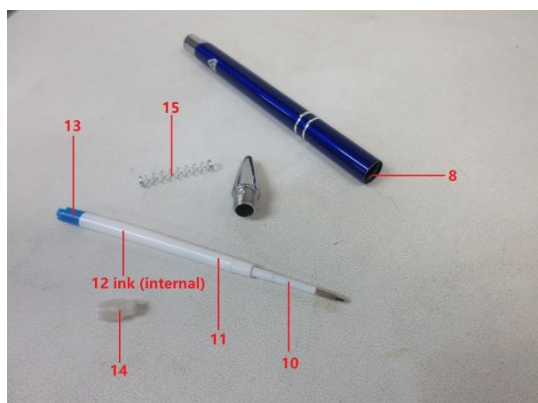
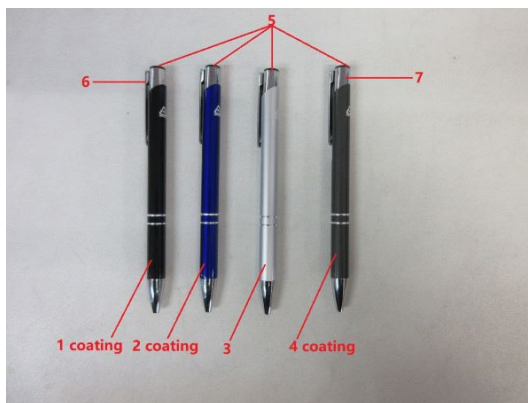
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Remark:

* Regulation on Lead:

Country	Legislation	<u>Maximum Permissible Limit</u>
EU	Paragraph 1-6 of Entry 63 of Annex XVII, REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006	For 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% (by weight of the individual part)
	Paragraph 7-10 of Entry 63 of Annex XVII, REACH Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006	Articles supplied to the general public during normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, be placed in the mouth by children 0.05% (by weight of the individual part) 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/cm ² 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.

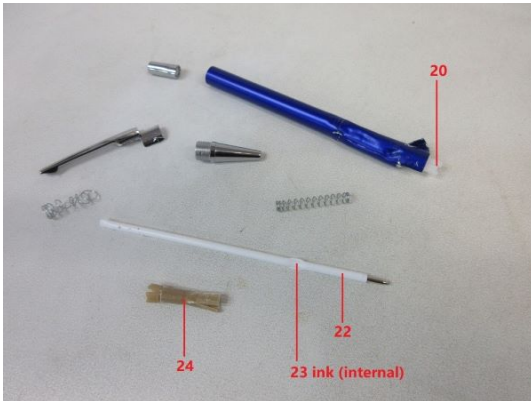
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General Terms and Conditions of Business of TÜV Rheinland in Greater China



- Scope**
 - These General Terms and Conditions of Business of TÜV Rheinland in Greater China ("GTBC") are made between the client and one or more member entities of TÜV Rheinland in Greater China as applicable as the case may be ("TÜV Rheinland"). The Greater China hereof refers to Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The client hereby confirms:
 - a natural person capable to form legally binding contracts under the applicable laws who enters the contract not for the purpose of daily use;
 - an incorporated entity organized, validly existing and capable to form legally binding contracts under the applicable law;
 - The following terms and conditions apply to agreed information, deliveries and similar services as well as ancillary services and other secondary obligations provided within the scope of contract performance.
 - Any standard terms and conditions of the client of 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.
 - In the context of an ongoing business relationship with the client, this GTBC shall also apply to future contracts with the client. TÜV Rheinland refers to them separately in each individual case.
- Quotations**

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.
- Coming into effect and duration of contracts**
 - 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 works 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 terminate the contract without the requirement of acceptance (including notice sent via electronic means) or by performing the requested services.
 - 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.
 - If the contract provides for an extension of the contract term, the contract term will be extended by the term stated in the contract unless terminated in writing by either party with a three-month notice prior to the end of the contractual term.
- Scope of services**
 - 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 by giving written notice of such services beyond the scope of the service description (e.g. checking the correctness and functionality of parts, products, processes, installations, organizations not listed in the service description, as well as the intended use and application of such) and not in particular, 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.
 - The agreed services shall be performed in compliance with the regulations in force at the time the contract is entered into.
 - 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.
 - 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 and 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 not be responsible for the construction, selection of materials and assembly of installations examined, nor for their use and application in accordance with regulations, unless these questions are expressly covered by the contract.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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, 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 extracts - to third parties in accordance with clause 11.4.
- Performance periods/dates**
 - 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 confirmed as binding by TÜV Rheinland. If the contract provides for a specific time schedule, the agreed periods of performance have been agreed, these periods shall not commence until the client has submitted all required documents to TÜV Rheinland.
 - Articles 5.1 and 5.2 also apply, even without express approval by the client, to all extensions of agreed periods of performance caused by TÜV Rheinland.
 - TÜV Rheinland is not responsible for a delay in performance, in particular if the client has not fulfilled his obligations in accordance with the contract, or if he does not do 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.
 - 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 is required, at least to the duration of the hindrance plus any time period which may be required to resume performance.
 - If the client is obliged to comply with legal, officially prescribed and/or by the accreditator prescribed directives, it is the client's obligation to agree on performance dates with TÜV Rheinland 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 agrees in writing specifically stating that ensuring the deadlines is the contractual obligation of TÜV Rheinland.
- The client's obligation to cooperate**
 - The client shall guarantee that all cooperation required on its part, its agents or third parties will be provided in good time and in full.
 - 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 shall be undertaken in accordance with legal provisions, standards, safety regulations and accident prevention instructions. And the client represents and warrants that:
 - It has required statutory qualifications;
 - The product, service or management system to be certified complies with applicable laws and regulations; and
 - It doesn't have any illegal and dishonest behaviours or is not included in the list of Enterprises with Serious Illegal Disputed Acts of People's Republic of China.
 - If the client breaches the aforesaid representations and warranties, TÜV Rheinland is entitled to (i) immediately terminate the contract with prior notice and (ii) suspend the test reports, expert testing reports/certificates if any.
- 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 when a fixed or maximum price is agreed, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to charge extra fees for such additional expense.
- Prices**
 - 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, the actual price shall be in accordance with the price list of TÜV Rheinland valid at the time of performance.
 - Unless otherwise agreed, work shall be invoiced according to the progress of the work.
 - 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.
- Payment terms**
 - 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.
 - Payments shall be made to the account of TÜV Rheinland as defaulted on the invoice, stating the invoice and client numbers.
 - In cases of default of payment, TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to claim default interest at the applicable short term loan 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.
 - Should the client default on 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.
 - The provisions set forth in article 8.4 shall also apply in cases involving returned checks, 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.
 - Objections to the invoices of TÜV Rheinland shall be submitted in writing within two weeks of receipt of the invoice.
 - TÜV Rheinland shall be entitled to demand appropriate advance payments.
 - 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 rise in fees remains 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 rise is not terminated, the changed fees shall be deemed to have been agreed upon by the time of the expiry of the notice period.
 - Only legally established and undisputed claims may be offset against claims by TÜV Rheinland.
 - 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 fees paid by the client under any contracts, agreement and/or orders/quotations reached with TÜV Rheinland.
- Acceptance of work**
 - Any part of the work result ordered 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.
 - If acceptance is required or 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 the period stated at least one fundamental breach of contract by TÜV Rheinland.
 - The client is not entitled to refuse acceptance due to insignificant breach of contract by TÜV Rheinland.
 - If acceptance is excluded according to the nature of the work performance of TÜV Rheinland, the completion of the work shall take its place.
 - During the follow-up stage if 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 consents or postpones a confirmed audit date two (2) weeks before the agreed date, 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.
 - Insofar as the client has undertaken in the contract to accept services, TÜV Rheinland shall also be entitled to charge lump-sum damages in the amount of 10% of the order amount as 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.
- Confidentiality**
 - 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 data, technical and marketing techniques and materials, tangible or intangible, that are supplied, transferred 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 collected and know-how or confidential information of the receiving party (TÜV Rheinland - non-personal and not proprietary to the client) within 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 fails to do so within the stipulated 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 external data processing services (including TÜV Rheinland) to send any confidential information to TÜV Rheinland. Instead, the client shall send any confidential information to company email of TÜV Rheinland employees through its company email. If the client suffers from any data loss or other damage (including TÜV Rheinland) due to the adoption of any unauthorized confidential information sharing methods mentioned above, TÜV Rheinland shall be waived for any compensation liabilities.
 - All confidential information which the disclosing party provides to the receiving party shall be kept confidential and which is created during performance of work by TÜV Rheinland, 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.
 - may not be copied, distributed, published or otherwise disclosed 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 to a governmental authority or to a governmental authority, judicial court, accreditation bodies or third parties that are involved in the performance of the contract;
 - shall be treated by the receiving party with the same level of confidentiality as the receiving party uses to protect its own confidential information, but never with a lesser level of confidentiality than that which is reasonably required.
 - The receiving party shall immediately inform the disclosing party of any disclosure of confidential information to the contract of its employees who need this information to perform the services required for the contract. The receiving party undertakes to oblige these employees to observe the same level of confidentiality as the disclosing party, who shall inform the disclosing party of any disclosure of confidential information that the receiving party can furnish proof that:
 - it was generally known at the time of disclosure or has become general knowledge without isolation of the confidentiality nature of the information, or
 - it was disclosed to the receiving party by a third party entitled to disclose this information; or
 - the receiving party already possessed this information prior to disclosure by the disclosing party;
 - 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.
 - All confidential information which the disclosing party provides to the receiving party, the disclosing party and/or (ii) on request by the disclosing party, to destroy all confidential information, including all copies, and confirm the destruction of all confidential information to the disclosing party in writing, at any time if the disclosing party has not written to the client and the latest and without special request after termination or expiry of the contract. This does not extend to include reports and certificates prepared for the client solely for the purposes of fulfilling the contract or for the purposes of the receiving party's own internal use. TÜV Rheinland is entitled to make file copies of such reports, certificates and confidential information which form the basis for preparing these reports and certificates in order to evidence the correctness of its results and for documentation purposes. Furthermore, by laws, regulations and the requirements of working procedures of TÜV Rheinland.
 - From the start of the contract and for a period of three years after the termination or expiry of the contract, the receiving party shall maintain strict confidentiality 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**
 - 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 others the right to use the work results for individual or all types of use ("right of use").
 - The client receives 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, presentations, etc. prepared within the scope of the contract for the purposes of the contract.
 - The transfer of right of use of the generated work results regulated in clause 11.2 of the GTBC is subject to full payment of the remuneration agreed in favour of TÜV Rheinland.
 - The client may use work results only completely 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.
 - 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 need the prior written approval of TÜV Rheinland in each individual case. Besides, the client ensures that the aforesaid use shall comply with relevant applicable laws, regulations and relevant rules (including but not limited to specific applicable testing and certification rules, etc.).
 - TÜV Rheinland may revoke approval according to clause 11.5 at any time without stating reasons. In this case, the client is obliged to stop the transfer of the work results immediately at his own expense and, as far as possible, to withdraw publications.
 - The consent of TÜV Rheinland to the use of work results does not entitle the client to use the corporate logo, corporate design or test/certification mark of TÜV Rheinland.
- Liability of TÜV Rheinland**
 - Irrespective of the legal basis, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, in the event of a breach of contractual obligations or tort, the liability of TÜV Rheinland for all damages, losses and reimbursement of expenses caused by TÜV Rheinland, its legal representatives and/or employees 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 expressly charged on an annual and material basis, a maximum of 20,000 Euro or equivalent amount in local currency; and (iii) in the case of a framework agreement that provides for the possibility of placing individual orders, three times the fee for the individual order under which the damages or losses have occurred. Notwithstanding the above, in the event that the total and accumulated liability calculated according to the foregoing provisions exceeds 2.5 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 2.5 Million Euro or equivalent amount in local currency. The limitation of liability 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, physical injury or illness.
 - In cases 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 reasonable to be expected 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 apply.
 - 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 under the contract, unless such personnel made available is regarded as "vicarious agent of TÜV Rheinland". 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 or in connection with such personnel's acts.
 - Unless otherwise contractually agreed in writing, TÜV Rheinland shall only be liable under the contract to the client.
 - The limitation periods for claims for damages shall be based on statutory provisions.
 - Not in the provisions of this article 12 changes the burden of proof to the disadvantage of the client.
- Export control**
 - When passing on the services provided by TÜV Rheinland or parts thereof to third parties in Greater China or other countries, the client must comply with the respective applicable regulations of national and international export control law.
 - 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 embargo 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.
- 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 fulfilling the 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 purposes, we may also process sensitive personal data. TÜV Rheinland will use and process the data in accordance with the relevant legal basis. If any personal data is to be 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 response for deletion arrives. 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 and to withdraw their consent 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 person responsible or contract processor, please refer to the respective data protection notices. 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, 51105 Cologne, Germany.
- Retention of test material and documentation**
 - 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 retained in storage on the basis of statutory regulations or of another agreement with the client.
 - Changes apply if the test samples are stored at the premises of TÜV Rheinland. The cost of placing a test sample in storage will be borne by the client. If the client requests that reference samples or documentations are given to the client to be placed in storage at their premises, the reference samples or documentations 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 available the reference samples and/or documentation, any liability claims 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.
 - The retention period for the documentation shall be 10 (ten) years after the expiry of the test material certificates or shall meet the applicable legal requirements for EU/EEC certificates of conformity and CE marking.
 - The costs of the handover and dispatch of the test samples for storage for 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.
- Termination of the contract**
 - Notwithstanding clause 3.3 of the GTBC, TÜV Rheinland and the client are entitled to terminate the contract in its entirety or, in the case of services combined in one contract, each 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 contract due to force majeure or other reasons beyond the control of TÜV Rheinland. For good cause, TÜV Rheinland may consider giving a written notice to the client to terminate the contract which includes but not limited to the following:
 - the client does not immediately notify TÜV Rheinland of changes in the conditions within the company which are relevant for certification or signs of such changes;
 - the client misuses the certificate or certification mark or uses it in a violation of the contract; or
 - the client repeatedly causes delays in payment for the last three months;
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - if TÜV Rheinland is not reasonably satisfied with the client's performance or if the client 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 reasons;
 - the event of termination with written notice by TÜV Rheinland for good cause, 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 contractual term plus a lump-sum compensation. The client reserves the right to prove that there is no damage or a considerably lower damage. TÜV Rheinland reserves the right to prove a considerably higher damage in individual cases.
 - TÜV Rheinland is also 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.
- Force Majeure**
 - "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 the event or circumstance is beyond the control of the Party, is not reasonably foreseeable and (b) that it could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of the conclusion of the contract; and (c) that the effects of the impediment could not reasonably have been avoided or overcome by the affected Party.
 - 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 of this Clause: (i) war (whether declared or not), hostilities, insurrections, rebellions, strikes, extensive military mobilization; (ii) a civil war, riot, rebellion and revolution, military or usurped power, insurrection, act of terrorism, sabotage or piracy; (iii) currency and trade restriction, embargo, sanction; (iv) act of authority (whether lawful or unlawful) or compliance with laws or regulations; (v) requisition, 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, labor disputes, strike, lock-out, go-slow, occupation of factories and premises.
 - The Party successfully invoking this Clause is relieved from its duty to perform its obligations under the contract and 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 when the data in need reaches the other Party. Where the effect of the impediment or event invoked is temporary, the above consequences shall apply only as long as the impediment invoked imposes performance by the affected Party. Where the duration of the impediment invoked has the effect of substantially depriving the contracting Parties of what they were reasonably entitled to expect under the contract, either 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.
- Hardship**
 - 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.
 - Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Clause, where a Party proves that:
 - 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
 - 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 agree alternative contractual terms which reasonably allow to overcome the consequences of the event.
 - 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.
- Partial invalidity, written form, place of jurisdiction and dispute resolution**
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, the governing law of the contract and these terms and conditions shall be chosen following the rules as below:
 - 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 laws of the People's Republic of China;
 - 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;
 - 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.
 - Any dispute in connection with the contract and these terms and conditions or the execution thereof shall be settled friendly through negotiations.
 - In the case of arbitration, the arbitration shall be in writing or by oral settlement 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:
 - in the case of arbitration in question being legally registered and existing in the People's Republic of China, to the Arbitration Commission of CIETAC in force when the arbitration is submitted in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen or Chongqing as appropriately chosen by the claiming party;
 - in the case of TÜV Rheinland in question being legally registered and existing in Taiwan, to the Arbitration Commission of CIETAC in force when the arbitration is submitted in Taipei, in accordance with its then current Rules of Arbitration. The arbitration shall take place in Taipei;
 - in the case of TÜV Rheinland being legally registered and existing in Hong Kong, to Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) in force when the arbitration is submitted in Hong Kong. The arbitration shall take place in Hong Kong.
 - The decision rendered by the judge or arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties. The arbitration fee shall be borne by the losing party.