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Thank you for your interest in GORE® TENARA® Sewing Threads. GORE® TENARA® Sewing Thread – LTR, KTR, TR, and HTR Styles consists of expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE) filament that has been lubricated with a small percentage of silicone wax. The silicone wax thread finish helps to provide lubricity during the sewing operation. The silicone wax thread finish is a standard copolymer system that is ideally suited as a finish for many synthetic thread types. The ePTFE thread is not degraded by exposure to solar ultraviolet radiation, cleaning agents, harsh chemicals, saltwater, and temperature extremes. The thread is designed for sewing articles exposed to the outdoor elements.

Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) is a distinct member of the fluoropolymer class of per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS). PTFE is non-toxic. High molecular weight fluoropolymers like PTFE, are highly stable, too large to be bioavailable, and do not have the potential to become widespread in the environment. PTFE and similar fluoropolymers satisfy the OECD criteria for polymers of low concern.

PFAS

The term PFAS stands for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances. PFAS generally refers to aliphatic substances with at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom. This is a very broad chemical definition that includes thousands of substances with different properties: polymers and non-polymers; solids, liquids, and gases; persistent and non-persistent substances; highly reactive and inert substances; mobile and insoluble substances; and toxic and non-toxic chemicals. The term PFAS is too general to be very useful for communication purposes and it is insufficient to describe a class of chemicals for regulatory purposes. Therefore, at Gore, we believe it is important to be specific when discussing PFAS.

As you may be aware, the legislative and regulatory landscape regarding Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) is evolving with significant activity occurring globally and with increased frequency. Gore will continue to closely monitor applicable legislation and regulations as they move forward and is actively working to ensure that our product and component data are available to meet the various reporting requirements. For more information regarding Gore's commitment to material stewardship please visit: <https://www.gore.com/about/materials-stewardship>

Customers are asked to perform an independent review of the applicable legislation and the relevance of these regulations to customer's end-user product(s) since the applicability of many of these regulations can only be judged and ascertained when the final application of the product(s) is known. We recommend GORE® TENARA® Sewing Thread customers consult legal and compliance counsel for interpretation of any laws or regulations that may impact your product offering and overall business strategies. We also encourage you to consult with your appropriate trade associations as they may be developing additional guidance regarding on-going PFAS regulations.

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Sincerely,