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**Cf: Request for classification of dangerous goods and/or storage classification**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

According to German regulations and according to the UN recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods, BAM is the only authority in Germany to issue the required classification, and to assign a hazard division and compatibility group to explosives or articles with explosives.

Furthermore, the German Explosives Act (Sprengstoffgesetz, SprengG) requires an additional legal document with the assignment of a hazard division and compatibility group for the storage of explosives or articles with explosives within Germany (the document is called: "Lagergruppenbescheid").

When applying for these documents we would like you to consider the following points carefully. By doing this you help us and yourself in accelerating the process of providing you with the documents you need.

In your application:

- Please state clearly **who is issuing the request** (full name of company, address, telephone, Fax, contact persons, etc.).
- Please state clearly **your request** (using these words): classification of which article for the transport of dangerous goods and/or assignment of which article to a storage and compatibility group.
- Please use **a unique and clear name for an article**, the name which shall be used within the legal document. If further additions are used for trading, such as article numbers or sub-naming for the customer, please mark which part identifies the article and which are technical codes. Has there already been issued an approval (for handling an article in Germany, i. e. "Zulassung" or an exception, i. e. "Ausnahmebewilligung") with a legal name for the article, please only use this name and provide us with the approval or document number (such as BAM-PT<sub>i</sub>-#####).
- Please hand in all **information about the article** which enable us judging the hazard of the article in relation to its packing. This is: technical documents, drawings, part lists, a reference to an existing approval or an approval of a very similar article where documents are already available at BAM.
- In some cases a considerable reduction of hazard shall or can be achieved by using specially designed packings. Please give all **details about the packing**. If the type of packing is not stated the standard packing instruction as given in the UN regulations are applied.
- It can be helpful to **suggest a hazard division and compatibility group**, which you deduce from similar articles or other considerations.
- The technical documents must reveal the purpose of the article. By this the appropriate UN-number and the technical name will be assigned. You may **suggest a UN-number**.
- Please state who is going to pay the fees which are raised for the processing of your application.

The more complete the information you hand in is, the faster your request can be processed.

In response to your request you will receive an acknowledgement letter with our reference number. Should classification tests be necessary we will ask you to send specimens according to the requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation

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