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Cobalt-60 Compliance Statement for Zinc-Plated Steel Parts and Components & Malleable Iron Fittings

To Our Customers,

Bridgeport Fittings, Inc. has become aware of Cobalt-60 radioactive contamination in some quantities of reprocessed steel material originating in India. To address any concerns regarding the potential contamination of our steel product, Bridgeport has performed an investigation and determined the following:

1. The India steel mill in question is not a direct, or indirect, supplier to Bridgeport Fittings or its foreign vendor partners.
2. All major suppliers of alloy steel to Bridgeport Fittings have submitted certificates of control which confirm the absence of radioactive contamination of their products.
3. U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP), through the Container Security Initiative (CSI) has stated:
CBP Officers use radiation portal monitors (RPMs) to scan cargo containers for radioactive materials as they pass through vehicle-processing lanes at the land border ports, or as they are off-loaded from ships at the seaports. Officers also use personal radiation detectors to scan for signs of radioactive materials as they perform inspections on smaller vehicles and shipments. Special high-tech tools such as densitometers and fiber-optic scopes allow officers to peer inside suspicious containers. Finally, if necessary, containers are opened and unloaded for a more thorough carton-by-carton inspection by CBP Officers. This
4. We have not been made aware of any reports by U.S. Government sources or industry trade associations of any contaminated steel having entered the United States. Accordingly, Bridgeport Fittings has taken, and will continue to take, precautions as necessary to assure its products remain contaminant free.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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