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Attention: To whom it may concern

Subject: A T E X Regulations

We have reviewed ATEX Directive 94/9/EC and the Guidelines for applying it in respect of Quick Disconnect couplings. Snap-tite designs have undergone preliminary examination by a notified body (Underwriters Laboratories). These couplings are incapable of causing an explosion through their own potential sources of ignition as even the plain steel versions (being zinc plated) are nonsparking.

Also, no standard version of them is intended to act as a protective system as defined in this Directive. Hence we conclude that Snap-tite Quick Disconnect couplings cannot fall within the scope of ATEX Directive 94/9/EC and the devices are not required to go through conformity assessment.

However, if a customer requirement for a special coupling was such as to require its conformance to the Directive, it would be incumbent on that customer to explicitly specify this. In that event Snap-tite Europe would resubmit the unit for assessment; however we believe that in light of the response from Underwriters Laboratories and our own assessment that this would return the same result and would be an unnecessary cost on the customer.

If you have any questions in respect of this information please call me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tomas Mehner".

Tomas Mehner
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