

General Declaration

To: Whom it may concern From: Smit, Weesp

Date: February 12, 2025 **Topic:** Iodine Value of Fatliquors

We, Smit, Weesp, The Netherlands, herewith declare the following:

The formation of hexavalent chromium, Cr(VI), is related to oxidation processes. Some investigations have reported a correlation between Cr(VI) formation and the Iodine Value of the fatliquors used. This is only true if fatliquors are used that contain no, or insufficient antioxidants.

All fatliquors (where applicable) supplied by Smit contain sufficient anti-oxidants and do not contribute to Cr(VI) formation.

We refer to our Whitepaper for more detailed guidance on the effective prevention of Cr(VI) formation: https://www.smitzoon.com/en/knowledge/chrome-vi/

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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