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Re: Availability of Lead-Free\* Plumbing Alternatives

Dear Valued Customer:

On January 4, 2014, any remaining inventory of non-lead-free brass or bronze products previously available for use in drinking water systems will become obsolete. The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act mandates that plumbing products containing lead above federal statutory requirements cannot be installed in a drinking water application after this time. As a result, manufacturers and wholesalers alike need to begin planning the transition to lead-free plumbing inventory now. See the attached product schedule for a list of lead-free plumbing products and expected availability dates.

Please contact your NIBCO Account Manager or Area Representative to help you transition your inventory today so you can stay ahead of the change. With proper inventory management, there will be no need to return product affected by this new law.

For information about lead-free plumbing products, visit [www.nibcoleadfree.com](http://www.nibcoleadfree.com).

Sincerely,

NIBCO INC.

Encl: Lead-Free Plumbing Alternatives Product Schedule

\* Lead Free refers to the wetted surface of pipe, fittings and fixtures in potable water systems that have a weighted average lead content  $\leq 0.25\%$  per the Safe Drinking Water Act (Sec. 1417) amended 1-4-2011 and other equivalent state regulation.

We anticipate the following items will be converted to and available in lead-free\* alternatives for drinking water applications before January 4, 2014:

| Product   | Lead-Free Availability Date                         |
|---|---|
| PRO-Stop™ Quarter Turn Supply Stops                   | 8 SKUs Available;<br>Remaining SKUs Quarter 3, 2013 |
| 76-CL and 726-CL Straight Pattern Stop & Waste Valves | Currently Available                                 |
| T/SFP600A Two-Piece Full Port Ball Valve              | Currently Available                                 |
| T/S480-Y Inline Check Valve                           | Currently Available                                 |

Additionally, NIBCO fully intends to offer the following products in lead-free configurations; however, these will not be available before the new legislation takes effect:

| Product  | Lead-Free Availability Date |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Boiler Drains - QT37X, QT74X, 73-CL, 74-CL, 72, 74-2, 4664 | After January 4, 2014       |
| Hose Bibbs - QT54X, QT55X, QT56X, QT57X                    | After January 4, 2014       |
| Sillcocks - 95C Frostproof and QT63X, QT763IX, QT763X      | After January 4, 2014       |

Lastly, the following plumbing products will not be available in lead-free configurations prior to January 4, 2014. NIBCO will continue to assess the need for these products in a lead-free offering in the future:

| Product   | Lead-Free Availability Date |
|---|-----------------------------|
| T/SI8 Full Port Brass Gate Valve                      | To Be Determined            |
| T/SI3 Brass Swing Check Valve                         | To Be Determined            |
| 75-CL and 725-CL Straight Pattern Stop & Waste Valves | To Be Determined            |
| 77, 777, and 777-17 Angle Pattern Stop & Waste Valves | To Be Determined            |
| 4476 Compression and 4776 CPVC Stop & Waste Valves    | To Be Determined            |
| T/S29 Bronze Gate Valve                               | To Be Determined            |

As the Act applies only to drinking water systems, NIBCO will continue to produce products for non-drinking water applications for most product categories. These categories will be available in standard configurations for irrigation and other nondrinking water systems, as well as lead-free configurations for drinking water systems:

| Product   | Lead-Free Availability Date                       |
|---|---|
| Cast Fittings   | Currently Available                               |
| Press-to-Connect Fittings   | Currently Available                               |
| PEX Fittings and Valves   | Majority Available;<br>Remaining SKUs before 2014 |
| Commercial Ball Valves -<br>T/S/PC585 Two-Piece Full Port<br>T/S/595Y Three-Piece Full Port<br>T/S580 Two-Piece Conventional Port | Majority Available;<br>Remaining SKUs mid-2013    |
| Commercial Gate Valves - T/S113 and T/S111  | Many SKUs Available;<br>Remaining SKUs mid-2013   |
| Commercial Check Valve - T/S413-Y, T/S480-Y, F910B, F910W, W910B, W910W, W920W, G920W, KG900W, F960W                              | Majority Available;<br>Remaining SKUs mid-2013    |

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