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Statement on your intention to restrict the use of fully fluorinated alkanes

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Dear ladies and gentlemen,

We are very aware of the problems of persistent products in terms of environmental protection and support all activities to limit the use of bioaccumulative toxic substances to the absolute minimum.

We regularly monitor to what extent the availability of important products for the care of our ophthalmological patients is guaranteed. In this context, we notified your intention to restrict the use of fully fluorinated alkanes.

Since so-called ocular endotamponades belong to this class of compounds, we would like to point out the importance of these widely and regularly used substances in vitreoretinal surgery already at this early stage of decision-making.

Over the last three decades, perfluorodecalin, perfluorooctane, C₂F₆ and C₃F₈ have become indispensable instruments for the treatment of severe and most serious retinal diseases, which led to the blindness of patients prior to the introduction of these substances in ophthalmology.

We ask you to take this into account in your decision making and will be happy to provide further information on the use of these substances in ophthalmology if required.

Kind regards,

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