



May 20, 2009

Re: India Steel Products contaminated with Cobalt 60

To NOSHOK Customers,

NOSHOK, Inc. has become aware of Cobalt 60 radioactive contamination in stainless steel material of a melt originating in India. To address any concerns regarding the potential contamination of products we supply, NOSHOK, Inc. has performed an investigation and determined the following:

1. The following steel mills in India have been identified as the sources of contaminated stainless steel plates and semi-finished products: Vipras Castings, Bunts, Laxmi, SMK Steels and Pradeep Metals. NOSHOK, Inc. does not receive material from these mills.
2. All NOSHOK, Inc.'s. major suppliers of stainless steel have submitted statements regarding the absence of Cobalt 60 in the parts they supply and confirm the presence of auditable processes to support that statement.
3. U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP), Container Examination Service (CES Dept.) has stated:
CBP Officers use radiation portal monitors (RPM's) 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.
4. We have not been made aware of any U.S. Government reports regarding contaminated stainless steel having entered the United States.

Naturally, NOSHOK, Inc. has taken, and will continue to take, necessary steps and precautions to assure its products remain contaminant free.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Manjura".

Robert Manjura
Quality Assurance Manager