

Press Release

BYK implements surcharge for silicone containing products

Wesel, November 30, 2018 – Due to the continuous shortage and therefore drastically increased prices for silicones and silicone derivatives, BYK has decided to implement a surcharge for silicone containing additives for all deliveries after January 1, 2019. As an important raw material for the production of many innovative additives, BYK has worked hard to limit the downstream burden of their limited availability and escalating costs. However, to maintain the level of service and innovation that our customers expect, a surcharge ranging from 0.30 €/kg to 1.00 €/kg is inevitable.

BYK is one of the world's leading suppliers in the field of additives and measuring instruments. Additives are chemical substances which, when used in small quantities, improve product properties such as scratch resistance or surface gloss. Manufacturing processes are also optimized by the addition of additives.

The coatings, inks, and plastics industries are among the main consumers of BYK additives. Yet with the production of oil and gas, the manufacture of care products, the production of adhesives and sealants, and construction chemistry, too, BYK additives improve the product characteristics and production processes. Testing and measuring instruments from BYK can effectively evaluate the quality of color, gloss, and appearance as well as the physical properties of paint, plastic, and paper products and are an important part of quality control.

As a globally operating specialty chemicals company, BYK has production sites in Wesel, Kempen, Moosburg, Schkopau and Geretsried (Germany), Deventer, Denekamp and Nijverdal (Netherlands), Widnes (UK), Wallingford, Chester, Gonzales, Louisville, Rochester Hills, Earth City (USA) and Tongling (China).

Today the company employs around 2,250 people worldwide and forms part of the ALTANA Group.

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