

## Customer Information Note:

### Market Shortage Nitrocellulose

Due to Europe's commitment to rearm, nitrocellulose (NC) for use in military applications is being prioritized. As a consequence, nitrocellulose for use in many industrial applications has become scarce, resulting in significant price increases.

**Nitrocellulose is an essential component within many inks and varnishes.** Many companies have received quota estimates but are not guaranteed supply due to limited installed capacity in Europe and military grade NC being prioritised. Where nitrocellulose production is state-controlled due to its military importance, availability has been further restricted.

Hence, the production of inks and varnishes containing NC is becoming increasingly challenging and customers might not only experience price increases but also significant shortages. Customers are advised to contact their suppliers for further details.

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